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SCHOOL IS THRILLED WITH RESPONSE TO ART SALE REQUEST

A NUMBER of leading figures in the Welsh art world have come forward to help raise funds for the art department in Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Leading the way is Frank Auerbach, one of the most famous living British artists, who has donated a drawing for a sale in the Bear Hotel on December 3.

Daisy Prendergast, who teaches art at Cowbridge, explained: "During our annual art exhibition we were approached, as we always

are, about the possibility of buying students' work and a friend had recently held a fundraising auction at her school.

"For years we have tried various methods of raising funds towards the 100K needed to build a sixth form studio, so I thought perhaps we should try doing such an auction, perhaps in the school hall.

"It was suggested that I could ask some local artists to support the event by donating art works, and I do like a challenge! So I made contact with local artists but I also thought I would be a little cheeky and contact all sorts of people I thought would toss aside my letter.



"However, soon after Welsh artists Sally Moore and Brendan Burns agreed to donate. Fantastic! I was over the moon.

"Then came donations from Iwan Gwyn Parry and Godmachine. Brilliant!

"My late father was the artist Peter Prendergast and Mum that she would donate one of his works. A significant donation. The Art Department started to think perhaps we should be thinking beyond the school hall!

"When we contacted them, The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge were keen to support us too and

donated the St. Quentin's Suite to host the event. So the auction looked set to be pretty successful. And then, I received a letter along with a drawing from Frank Auerbach!

"For a school to receive a drawing from Auerbach is unbelievable! He even included £25 in an envelope to have it framed with specific instructions of how this should be done.

"He stated in the letter that he had had three letters asking for donations that week but had chosen only to reply to mine because of his "fondness and respect for my father".

So, plans are well in hand now for an auction that will still have work by past pupils, but which is being bolstered by the day with donated work.

Daisy told The GEM that the latest to come forward was Kevin Sinnott, who lives in Pontycymer.

The art sale is set for the Bear Hotel, at 2pm on December 3. The GEM intends to carry updates in the coming weeks.

For more details, go to Facebook CCS Fine Art Auction. Tickets are £5 each and available at Arboreal, Jon Ian, Beauty Within & CCS Reception.

Bar 44 fundraiser for Cowbridge town Christmas lights

There will be a Sunday brunch fundraiser at 10am on Sunday, November 19, in Bar 44, Cowbridge, to raise funds to have more Christmas lights in the town this year.

Tickets are available from Bar 44 (£15) and will include a full Spanish breakfast, a glass of Cava and coffee.

Kate Thomas of Cowbridge Chamber of Trade said: "We very

much hope the townspeople will support this event.

"The aim of the Christmas lighting is to bring a lovely ambience to the town centre. The lighting project has been a lot of hard work but I am thrilled we are nearing completion of our first goal - to have six lighting banners across the High Street.

"I would like to thank the businesses and members of the public who have supported us so far in the fund raising."

QUILTED POPPIES

A local textile group are currently exhibiting in The Senedd in Cardiff Bay, after turning their skills to commemorating World War One.

See page 6 for the full story of how their work captured the attention of politicians in the National Assembly.

The example (right) was created by Keris Howard.



**ELSIE SCULLY-HICKS MURDER:
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'What has the Welsh Government done to mitigate risks to aero industry?'

A DE Pitman has responded to my letter of October 19, regarding the Northern Access Road (NAR) supposedly needed to service the proposed Aerospace Business Park, suggesting that St Athan is an ideal location for aerospace industry.

The point, however, is not the suitability of the location but the likelihood of such business ever materialising. We have seen the failure of the Defence Aviation Repair Agency (DARA) and the location of the proposed Defence Academy elsewhere.

Since my previous letter, Bombardier in Ireland* has shed 300 more jobs in this sector. Given the turbulent nature of the aerospace industry, and a decade of failed efforts to develop it at St Athan, what are the chances now?

In addition, these plans predate Brexit. What has the Welsh Assembly Government done to factor in

the Brexit impact and ongoing storms in the aerospace sector (bearing in mind that it has not, to date, even compiled a proper business plan)? It is not the siting of aerospace business, but the proposal to create an unnecessary road across 'greenfield' land, in the hope that such business might miraculously come to pass, that is the issue.

This £15 million of taxpayers' money is better spent elsewhere, until it is clear that these developments and the allied 'Enterprise Zone' have a chance of happening. The NAR, which will be destructive to the local area, should not be built on a wing and a prayer and an 'aspiration' that is looking ever more unrealistic.

Even setting aside the flagrant disregard for local democracy and the environment, this is appalling business and planning practice.

Name and address supplied.

*Northern, not the Republic of, Ireland.

Sidney was a talented musician and was generous with his time

I WAS pleased to read AM Jane Hutt's tribute to my friend and one-time fellow chorister in the Barry Community Choir, Sidney Lye.

Sidney was a quiet gentleman but he was a talented organist and when he presided at the consoles in many churches, in addition to his long period of service at Windsor Road United Reformed Church, Barry, he gave great pleasure to many in the congregations.

Always generous with his love of music, I recall that during my time as secretary and trustee of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, he often responded to requests to accompany our church services.

In particular, when we were needing an organist

to help celebrate the centenary of our modestly-sized but fine Peter Conacher pipe organ, he agreed to give a recital and also gave a talk about the organ builders, who were based in Huddersfield.

Apart from some delightfully tuneful stops, Conachers always ensured the display pipes were decorated in their distinctive floral style which enhanced church interiors.

Like me, Sidney was dismayed at the steady demise of so many pipe organs but hopefully people will realise the value of those quality instruments that remain, and they will continue to give pleasure to church congregations and others for many years to come.

W Haydn Burgess, Barry.

Motorcycle madness

I READ with interest Anthony Morse's letter in last week's GEM regarding two scramble motorcyclists.

These two lunatics must travel around, as I came across them in Penarth coming down a one-way street the wrong way, nearly colliding with my car.

No details can be taken as they have no number plates, so probably no driving documents either.

I live in Sully and was talking to a

friend recently when they came through at a horrendous speed, overtaking everything in sight and on the wrong side of the road.

I have seen them coming through Sully village on other occasions, and they will probably cause an accident or damage to property eventually – which they will never pay for.

It is totally wrong for the police to do nothing as they have the ability to do something before it's too late.

It would be interesting to hear what the police have to say on this matter.
Anthony Atkins, Sully.

What has Jane Hutt achieved?

JANE HUTT has been shuffled out of the cabinet.

No doubt praise for her will be effusive, but one must ask: what did she actually achieve in her cabinet positions?

Nia Bhugari, Cowbridge.

Town council's concern over thefts from Limes cemetery

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council are greatly concerned regarding the recent theft of property [See The GEM *passim*] from The Limes cemetery and the distress that this has caused.

The cemetery is a public area open for persons to use and visit, and therefore not secured. It is unfortunate that individuals abuse this area and steal property, causing upset to others.

The Town Council would encourage anybody who has

property stolen from the cemetery or who has any knowledge of such thefts to report this to the police, so that they are aware of such events and can take appropriate action.

In addition, please inform the Town Clerk (01446 773385 or email – enquiries@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk) so that he can address the matter with the police and the Town Council.

The Town Council is very sorry that such incidents occur caused by thoughtless individuals, and the distress that is caused.
David Morris, Town Clerk (on behalf of the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council).

Brief lives, brief histories of the Fallen

SEVERAL people have commented on the lovely displays around the town in the shop windows during this year's Remembrance fortnight.

They have also said that it is nice to read a brief story of the fallen, and it brings home the fact that they are not just names on the memorial,

but were sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and husbands caught up in the dreadful acts of war.

Our thanks go out to the Chamber of Trade, Llantwit Major Historical Society and the local branch of the Royal British Legion, all of which made this possible.

Maureen Geary-Andrews, Llantwit Major.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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10 Fri	10.46	8.8	23.22	8.5
11 Sat	11.53	8.4		
12 Sun	00.34	8.2	13.11	8.3
13 Mon	01.57	8.2	14.29	8.5
14 Tues	03.10	8.6	15.36	8.8
15 Wed	04.08	8.9	16.27	9.2
16 Thur	04.53	9.3	17.12	9.5

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Remembrance Sunday Service and parade in Cowbridge

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council would like to remind the communities of Cowbridge and surrounding villages of the Act of Remembrance Service and the Wreath Laying Ceremony, assembling at 10.45am outside the town hall at the War Memorial on Sunday, November 12.

Wreaths will be laid by a large number of local organisations as well as representatives of the British Legion and Armed Services immediately following a short service at the War Memorial. This will be followed by a parade to the Holy Cross Church for an Ecumenical Act of Remembrance Service.

To facilitate the service and parade, a road closure will be in effect from 10.45am to 11.15am and 12 noon to

12.30pm, from Eastgate's junction with Druid's Green, High Street to The Butts and Church Street.

The Town Council and Royal British Legion would like to encourage all members of the public to support the ceremony and the many youth organisations that participate in remembering the fallen.

A short service and Act of Remembrance, including a minute's silence to remember the Fallen, will also take place at the Cowbridge War Memorial starting at 10.55am on Saturday, November 11. Anyone wishing to attend this service should assemble at the Memorial by 10.50am.

This year, five additional names [See item right] have been added to the War Memorial and the service will include a dedication to those who gave their lives.

David Morris, Town Clerk.

Fifth and final 'Forgotten Son' of Cowbridge is remembered

THIS Remembrance Day, 100 years after they lost their lives in World War One, the names of five local men have been added to Cowbridge War Memorial.

They are Frank Lewis, William Howell, Edmund Thomas, Thomas Thomas and Rowland Parry Thomas.

Why the names of these forgotten men were not included when the memorial was erected is a mystery, and will remain so as no documentary evidence exists. Recent research has clearly established that they should have been included and Cowbridge (with Llanblethian) Council has taken steps to inscribe their names on the memorial in time for Remembrance Sunday.

THIS final week we feature Rowland Parry Thomas, 1877- April 28, 1918.

Rowland Parry Thomas was born in Llanblethian, the son of Joshua and Anne (née Mordecai) Thomas of Llanblethian.

At the time of the 1881 census, he was staying with his grandparents who also lived in Llanblethian. The family were still resident in the village in

1891 and Rowland, now aged 13, was the eldest child living at home with his parents.

By 1901 Rowland had moved to Aberdare where he was lodging with the Francis family and was working as a shoeing smith.

Rowland married Jane Amelia Lewis in the first half of 1910, and in the 1911 census was to be found living at 74 Mill Street, Trecynon,

Aberdare with wife Amelia, their daughter Iris Ann Thomas, and Amelia's daughter Jane Amelia Lewis. By this time Rowland was working as a blacksmith.

It is not known when Rowland joined the Army but he took his skill with horses with him, and served as a shoeing smith in the Royal Field Artillery.

Rowland died of wounds on April 28, 1918 aged 40. He is buried at Les Baraques Military Cemetery in northern France.

The names of these 'Forgotten Sons' are now on Cowbridge War Memorial.

If you think you are related to any of them or know someone who might be, contact the Cowbridge Poppy Appeal organiser David Howell on 01446 774306.



LEFT: Masons from the War Memorial Restoration Co. adding the names of the five.

Cowbridge Cubs news

COWBRIDGE Cubs have been really busy the last few weeks helping with the jumble sale and a book sale.

We are having the Royal British Legion this week to talk about Remembrance Day.

We have been making poppies for them and Dave is going to talk to

the Cubs about how the poppy appeal started.

We have Remembrance Day and then we have Firing Lines from Cardiff Castle coming to talk to the Cubs about the Second World War. They are also bringing a model tank for the Cubs to play with in the car park, this will go towards the Cub badges.

We would like to

remind everyone that the Christmas stamps are now on sale. We have a packed program up to Christmas.

If anyone has questions about joining Cubs we meet at the Scout hut from 5.45pm to 7.15pm every Tuesday.

Christine Mallett
Cub leader

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One photo, five generations



FIVE generations of the same family are pictured from left to right, Jolene Howells, grandmother; centre, Jackie Morris, great grandmother; Kia Howells, mother; Betty Barnett-Hiscock, who lives in Cowbridge Cowbridge, great great grandmother with Charlotte Elizabeth Anne, aged three months. Jolene and Kia live in the Rhondda and Jackie lives in Barry.

An invitation to take part in the GVS Health Network

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) is organising a Vale Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Network meeting on Thursday, November 16, from 10am to 12pm.

The Network brings together people from

voluntary and community groups and health and social care services and provides an opportunity to find out more about new service developments and community projects.

There will be presentations at the meeting, as well as updates. Paul Swann, programme development officer for commissioning on the Golden Threads Advocacy Programme will talk about the work being undertaken to commission an independent advocacy service in Cardiff and the Vale.

Rhian Thomas, GVS project co-ordinator of the Big Lottery funded Connected Carers project will outline this new service which supports family carers, in partnership with, Cardiff and Vale Parents' Federation and Touch Trust.

Angela Hughes of Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan University Health Board will be talking about 'Putting Things Right' and how the Health Board uses patient feedback to improve services.

If you would like to attend, contact GVS on 01446 741706, email enquiries@gvs.wales, or visit www.gvs.wales.

Cowbridge Mayor's report

THE months of September and October were very busy and I attended a variety of events and met lots of people.

I attended with my consort Rob the Civic Sundays of the Mayors of Porthcawl, Penarth and the Vale. We met representatives of the Gideons in the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor's parlour and were presented with Bibles on September 5.

We were lucky enough to attend two concerts of the Cowbridge Music Festival 2017, both in the Holy Cross Church although the festival was held in various venues throughout Cowbridge. Both were excellent and very different: one was a chamber music seminar featuring the music of varied composers including the Russian composers Prokofiev and Shostakovich for the French horn, violin cello, clarinet, viola and piano. The quality of the young performers was outstanding.

The second concert was a baroque violin and harpsichord recital featuring an outstanding violinist from Germany playing the 1700 'Dragonetti' Stradivarius and an exceptional harpsichord player, who specialises in music of the 17th and 18th centuries. It was a unique performance.

If you missed this year's festival I recommend attending in 2018. We also attended a Music in the Vale event in the Pierhead building in Cardiff on October 18, which showcased performers, singers and musicians aged eight to 23 the local talent on display was phenomenal.

We attended the Cowbridge School's sports presentation evening on September 11 and were amazed at the number of different sports the children are involved in – and at such a high level in many of them.

The Vale Tourism Association invited us to one of their meetings at Ogmere by Sea on September 13 and it was interesting to see the work that has been done, and is still going on, to renovate the barns there to operate a deli, cafe, bar and restaurant.

On September 21 the Commanding Officer and officers at the Officers' Mess, MoD St Athan invited us to the annual reception where we met lots of local community representatives and were entertained by the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band.

On September 28, Churches Together in Cowbridge signed a new constitution. The event took place in the Council Chamber and was covered by The GEM. The 28th also saw the Licensing of Reverend Victoria Ashley by the Right Reverend June Osborne, Bishop of Llandaff in Holy Cross Church. It was a pleasure to meet both ladies and I'm sure many of you have met or will meet Victoria as she undertakes her new duties in the Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge.

On September 29 we attended a ceremony to mark the re-opening of the Fred Dunn Memorial Gates at Cowbridge and District Athletic Club following their refurbishment and a service of dedication of a new memorial to honour those members who died in conflict.

The event was organised by Cowbridge Cricket Club and very moving and informative talks were given by Dr Andrew Hignell and Jeffrey Bird. The service

of dedication was led by Rev David Boulton.

On October 12 I attended the Glamorgan Voluntary Service (GVS) AGM and volunteering fair in the Barry Memorial Hall. GVS is an independent charity and has a flourishing membership of voluntary and community organisations active in the Vale of Glamorgan. They can help by supporting voluntary groups, volunteers and volunteering opportunities.

Our final event in October was attending a reception to mark the accreditation of Cowbridge & District Museum by MALD – the Museums, Archives, Libraries Division (Wales). Congratulations to them for their achievement and I recommend you visit the



Cllr Sian Vaughan.

museum at the town hall on the first and third Saturdays in the month from 10.30am – 4pm. This story made the front page of The GEM on October 26, well done to all involved.

I held three charity events in September/October for Cancer Research Wales. Thank you very much to everyone who attended. The fundraising will resume in 2018.

Police appeal



POLICE are appealing to establish the whereabouts of Kelly Woodward.

She has been missing from an address in Dinas Powys since October 29, 2017.

Kelly, aged 37, is believed to be driving a Ford Kuga.

A police spokeswoman said: "She is five feet seven inches tall and has shoulder length, brown hair. She also has a tattoo of a dolphin on her foot and a heart on her shoulder."

Anybody who has seen Kelly is urged to contact south Wales Police via 101 quoting reference '430520 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

NFU Cymru welcomes Welsh Government farming funding

NFU Cymru has welcomed the Welsh Government reaffirming its commitment to ring-fence funding for Welsh farming post-Brexit.

Last week NFU Cymru met with Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths AM, and in a wide ranging discussion covering a range of topics, Brexit topped the agenda.

Following the meeting, NFU Cymru president Stephen James said: "I am pleased that Cabinet Secretary Lesley Griffiths AM reaffirmed the commitment from the First Minister that funding for Welsh agriculture from the UK Government to the Welsh Government will be ring-fenced for Welsh farmers post-Brexit."

The Cabinet Secretary's commitment follows on from a response that the First Minister gave to Plenary on October 24 and reaffirms the commitment in the Welsh Government/Plaid Cymru 'Securing Wales' Future document which stated that it is 'essential that equivalent or greater resources to those Wales

would have received from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) are provided from the UK to support Welsh farming'.

Mr James continued: "NFU Cymru's message on future funding arrangements has been clear and unequivocal. Governments in Cardiff and Westminster must maintain current levels of investment for farming in Wales, to ensure Welsh farmers remain competitive and can continue to produce food to the highest standards while maintaining and enhancing our environment and meeting our climate change obligations."

"At Plenary, the First Minister mentioned that he would consider looking at alternative ways of working and we would absolutely agree with that. This is an opportunity for us in Wales to work collectively to create a new agricultural policy framework that helps to achieve our vision of a productive, progressive and profitable farming industry that delivers jobs, growth and investment for Wales."

"We see the development of a new policy framework as an evolution over a period of time,

with the timeframe for change very much determined by our future trading relationship with the EU."

"With the UK Government having committed to the same cash total in funds for farm support until the end of this Parliament, the next step is for the UK Government to clarify how these funds will be allocated among the home nations."

"This allocation should be based on the current formula for distributing CAP funds within the UK."

"Farming is a long term business and we need clarity and certainty on a range of issues including funding, trade and future agricultural policy. Developing agricultural policy and budgetary frameworks should be developed in partnership between the governments of the UK, so that a common policy framework can be agreed. A common policy, but a policy which allows flexibility for each country to take account of the pattern and practice of farming within their country."

Butchers' Oscar nomination!



Jayne and James Nicholas of I.G. Nicholas Butchers, who have been nominated for the Countryside Alliance's annual Rural Oscars. Absent from the photograph is mother Edwina Nicholas, who also still plays an active role in running the family business. Apologies for the technical hitch last week that led to the wrong name being included.

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The Apprentice winner will be at Barry Christmas event

LAST year's winner of *The Apprentice*, Alana Spencer, will appear at Holton Road Christmas extravaganza this year.

Alana beat off stiff competition from 17 other candidates to win a business partnership with tycoon Sir Alan Sugar.

Alana, who owns the luxury cake company Ridiculously Rich, will be one of the many attractions over the fun-packed two days.

In the past, the Holton Road Christmas event, which includes the Christmas light switch-on at King Square, was on one day, but this year the traders are organising a bumper weekend over Saturday, November 25, and Sunday, November 26.

Holton Road Traders' Association spokeswoman Emma Thorne explained that organisers wanted to do something even bigger than last year's one-day event which attracted over 3,500 people.

Emma said: "This year there will be a Christmas market and a stage on King Square with bands and choirs performing."

"On Saturday, the event will run from 11am until 6pm and on Sunday from 11am until 4pm."

There will be stalls and displays with wooden crafts, festive cards, glitter face-painting, jewellery, chocolates, a butcher and food suppliers.

The Barry Music Shop is sponsoring donkeys on Saturday and Shetland ponies on Sunday, in its own Santa's grotto next to the music stage. Children will get the chance of a picture with them and Father Christmas.

The lights will be switched on at 5pm, and Ice Central will open half an hour later.

Emma said: "The rink is going to be even bigger this year and it is advisable to book in advance."

There will be information on the event in *The GEM* in coming weeks.



Apprentice star Alana Spencer is appearing at Holton Road traders' Christmas festival.

Sewing group puts on a fundraiser for Velindre

FOLLOWING the loss of three of our sewing friends to cancer in two years we would like to make a big donation to Velindre.

For months several people have been flogging their sewing machines making unique items. These will be on sale on Saturday, November 18, in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall in Cowbridge from 11am - 2pm.

It will be an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping for unique gifts. Other attractions include tea, coffee, homemade cakes and biscuits, silent auction for quilts, tombola, tombola for needlework enthusiasts, guess the height of the shoe heel, raffle, Dian Smith exhibiting her very special cancer quilt, handmade cards and gift tags.

Members of the Lift group will be there to explain their role, as well as representatives of Velindre.

Hilary Carney, (on behalf of the sewing community of the Vale of Glamorgan, including members of Glamorgan quilters, Cutting Edge and Cowbridge S&B).

Visit www.cowbridge-today.co.uk and www.llantwit-today.co.uk for the latest news

£5.5 million backing for Jehu Group

BRIDGEND-BASED property and construction firm Jehu Group has secured £5.5m of financial backing to support the business in achieving its growth strategy, with funding from two key financial institutions.

The group, which is currently working on over 20 construction projects across south Wales, is on track, said a spokesperson, to see its turnover grow 19 per cent to more than £50m in the next year and reach in excess of £65m by 2019, after securing the support from the two industry lenders.

The family firm has received £4m worth of funding from the Development Bank of Wales, formerly Finance Wales, as well as

a new £1.5m day-to-day banking facility from Santander to assist it with its expansion plans.

With its maximum lending cap increased to £5m in a single round, the £4m received by Jehu represents one of the development bank's largest investments.

Comprising a £2.5m property development loan from the Wales Property Fund and a £1.5m working capital facility from the Wales Business Fund, the investment is an excellent example of how the development bank can use a range of funds to help businesses get the right level of finance.

Karl Jones, property investment executive at the development bank and project lead on the property development loan commented: "We are delighted to assist this

established and experienced family business with this development. This is the first time we've had the opportunity to assist Jehu Group with one of their developments and we look forward to potentially supporting further projects in the future.

"The development is being part funded via the Wales Property Fund which has been established to provide access to funding to assist with development projects in Wales."

Andrew Lycett, finance director at Jehu Group, said: "As a business, we have experienced strong growth over the last couple of years. We have ambitious goals for the direction of the business and anticipate significant growth over the coming years, all of which requires financing support."



ABOVE (left to right):

Karl Jones (Property Investment Executive at the Development Bank of Wales); Janette Bennett (Relationship Director at Santander Corporate & Commercial); Simon Jehu (Managing Director of Development at Jehu Group, the parent company of Waterstone Homes); Andrew Lycett (Finance Director at Jehu Group); and Cenydd Rowlands (Fund Manager at the Development Bank of Wales).

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Cowbridge 'Paints the Town Red'



ABOVE: The window at Coco Plum.



ABOVE: Ty Hafan's tribute.

COWBRIDGE traders have once again given sterling support to the Poppy Appeal's request to 'Paint the Town Red' during the Poppy Appeal fortnight.

Even more retailers than last year produced individual and imaginative shop window displays.

Uniformed mannequins have a strong presence this year and feature in the Costa Coffee, Tenovus and Ty Hafan displays, with more mannequins dressed in red featuring in the Coco Plum, Dogs Trust, E91 and L'armoire windows.

Poppy Appeal organiser David Howell said: "I would like to give my sincere thanks to all who took part. Their efforts have greatly enhanced the Poppy Appeal presence in Cowbridge and have, I am sure, brought people into the town to see their fine displays."



ABOVE: A striking display at the Dogs Trust.



ABOVE: Poppies at King Fox.

Final public display for WWI quilts



By Jan Webster.

THE Cutting Edge Textile Group's WWI quilts will be exhibited in the Senedd Oriel, Welsh Government Building, Cardiff Bay between November 6 and 16, 2017.

The 23 quilts were made in 2015 by members of the group – which meets in Ystradowen Village Hall – to commemorate those who lost their lives in the war.

Some captured the memory of family members whilst others were motivated by research, or from following the commemoration activities.

One quilt was inspired by the 2016 display of poppies [Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red] at the Tower of London and reminds those viewing it of the enormity of the lives lost as a result of the war. Another was inspired by a visit to Tyne Cot near the Menin Gate.

As one person wrote: "Stark white headstones, well-kept grass, an awesome silence and a poignant inscription carved onto so many of the stones. Truly unforgettable".

The quilts have been displayed in shop windows in Cowbridge over the last two years and have helped to increase fundraising for the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal.

It has also helped to encourage shops in the town to decorate their windows to support the British Legion's appeal.

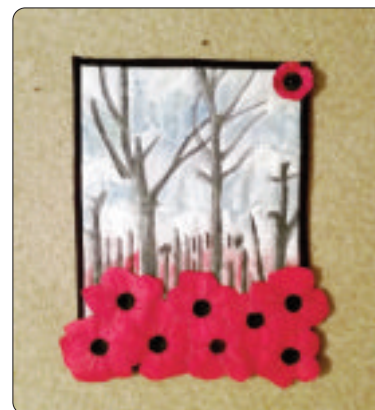
Cutting Edge Textile group would like to thank the following Cowbridge shops for their support: Ty Hafan Emporium, The Barbers Shop, Beauty Within, Jon Ian, Costa Coffee and David Barnes Dry Cleaners.

The quilts have also previously been exhibited in the Giles Galley, Pontyclun (September 2016) and the 2017 Autumn Malvern Quilt Show.

The Senedd exhibition will be the last public showing of the quilts. Opening times are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10.30am to 4.30pm or more information about the quilts, visit cuttingedgetextiles.wordpress.com/ww1-challenge-quilt/.



By Chris Dobson.



By Stephanie Aplin.

Autumn ceilidh at St Donats on November 10

IF you've ever wondered what a ceilidh is (pronounced 'kay-lee') it comes from the Gaelic word for 'gathering' or 'party'.

Ceilidhs used to help courting and the prospects of marriage for young people and, although discos and nightclubs have displaced ceilidhs to a large extent, they are still an important and popular social outlet in rural parts of Ireland and Scotland, especially in the Gaelic-speaking regions.

'Twmpath' is used today to mean a Welsh version of the barn dance or ceilidh. It's the word literally meaning a 'hump' or 'tump', once applied to the mound or village green upon which the musicians sat and played for the community to dance.

The beauty of a ceilidh or twmpath is that everyone can take part, young or old, experienced dancers to complete beginners and even those think they have two left feet. At a ceilidh you're walked through the steps by the caller before each dance and, with helpful directions shouted out during the dancing, there's nothing to be worried about.

'Thingumijigs' ceilidh band have been working together now for many years in the Vale. It's an unusual band in that all its profits are given to charity, to such causes as Great Ormond St Children's Hospital and Velindre Cancer Care.

It will be having an Autumn ceilidh at St Donats Arts Centre on November 10, starting at 7.30pm with prices at £8.50 a ticket (£6.50 for concession) for an adult or £2.50 for a child under 11.

There'll be a full bar there, and the caller will be Pat Smith, of Gavin and Stacey fame.

Call the box office on 01446 799100 for more information. AS

Worth a mint: The Imperials join Morryston Orpheus Male Voice Choir for gig

THE Imperials are back in the UK and appearing at Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot with the internationally renowned Morryston Orpheus Male Voice Choir (MOMVC), with a concert of Elvis' gospel songs and ballads sung like you have never heard before.

Elvis' first love was gospel and few, other than his most dedicated fans, know that all three of the Grammy awards that Elvis won

were for his gospel recordings.

From those he was easily able to develop his unique voice into singing some of our most memorable 'power ballads'.

Already famous in the USA as a gospel group in their own right, it was to The Imperials that Elvis turned to be his backing singers when he made his famous comeback in Las Vegas, and so who better to share Elvis' legacy of gospels and ballads with us than Terry Blackwood and the Imperials?

They will share the stage and the performance with one of the

UK's most celebrated male-voice choirs, the MOMVC of South Wales, a group of brilliant exponents of Elvis' work.

It was with The Imperials that the choir received standing ovations at previous concerts in Cardiff, Swansea and Coventry over the last few years.

If you enjoy good music and would like to experience a concert with a difference that will have you leaving the auditorium with that 'feel-good factor' lifting your spirits sky high, then this concert is for you. CS

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St Canna's Llangan

THIS year's Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday, November 12 at 10.45am. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

A date for your diary: a carol service will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 11.15am. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your friends and neighbours and join in the Christmas spirit.

Saron Chapel, Treoes

FOLLOWING many months of waiting for the completion of the restoration work, the chapel now stands in all its glory.

I have yet to view the interior. I, along with other locals must commend the workforce for their care of the graves from the unavoidable dust when working on the exterior walls.

On December 10 at 11.15am a carol service will take place at Saron when the children of the village will entertain their parents with poems and songs.

'WELSH GOVERNMENT CAN STOP INCINERATOR' SAYS AM

THE Welsh Government should exercise its powers to stop the Barry incinerator, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

The plant is currently under construction, but has yet to receive an Environmental Permit from Natural Resources Wales.

Without one, it will not be licenced to operate.

While NRW are responsible for the deciding the application, the regulations governing it give Welsh Government Ministers power to direct them.

If a direction is given NRW must comply with it effectively giving the Minister a veto over the application.

Mr Davies recently met with members of the Docks Incinerator Action Group DIAG, led by Dennis Clarke. Mr Davies said: "People from across Barry and beyond are rightly concerned by the impacts the incinerator will have on the town.

"It may be under construction but it does not yet have a permit to operate and the Cabinet Secretary has the power to stop it being granted.

"I've therefore written to her, asking her to intervene and use her powers to put a stop to this damaging project."

'More resources for litter collection' pleads Plaid

PLAID Cymru has called for greater investment in litter collection after newly published figures reveal that the Vale Council's environmental enforcement team on average issue less than two tickets per day.

The new service, run by a company called 3GS, began work in October 2016, but a 12-month review of the service shows 651 tickets issued, of which 541 were valid – about 1.5 per day, and the other 110 rescinded.

Of the 651 tickets issued, 256 were given for general litter, 207 for cigarette waste and 159 for commercial waste.

However, the report to the council's Environment and Regeneration Committee admits a reduction in clean streets – "most likely due to reductions in street cleaning as a consequence of ongoing budget pressures".

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who represents the Buttrills ward in the centre of Barry, said: "The success of our environmental enforcement team is not how many tickets they issue, but whether our streets are any cleaner.

"Vale officers admit that our most recent study shows that we performed worse than the Welsh average last year, probably due to reductions in street cleaning because of cuts.

"While the responsibility for litter lies with the person who dropped it, our litter problem is not going to be solved by someone in uniform catching two people per day.

"The reality is that our litter services need more investment to keep our streets clean and tidy."

Plaid Cymru councillor Steffan Wiliam, added: "Vale staff do a good job and work hard but are let down by some irresponsible tourists who think it's ok to just leave their rubbish on Barry Island beaches.

"I suspect that if our environmental enforcement team want to catch more than two people, then they would have a field day on Barry Island during the summer months. Either that, or people would take the hint and put their rubbish in the bin when they leave!"

Cllr Geoff Cox, the Vale Council cabinet member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport, responded: "As Cllr Johnson indicates, the key consideration when

deciding if 3GS have been successful is environmental quality, not the number of Fixed Penalty Notices that have been issued.

"It is not the council's aim to financially penalise residents or visitors. Instead, we hope the presence of our enforcement team can encourage better habits and lead to a cleaner Vale for everyone to enjoy. We await the 2017/18 Keep Wales Tidy assessment of the cleanliness of the Vale and will reconsider our enforcement activities when we have the benefit of this information.

"We are aiming to maintain the quality of the local environment in the Vale in light of the current challenging budget position. This will be achieved by balancing what is often referred to as the four Es, Effective cleansing, Enforcement, Education and Engagement.

"The vast majority of our visitors do pick up after themselves and do use the bins provided and we very much wish to encourage their future visits.

"We do take enforcement action at our resorts, but we also use signage and the likes of a beach public address system to reinforce the cleanliness messages for users."

Carwyn Jones praises contribution of Vale AM



Jane Hutt AM. Photograph courtesy the National Assembly for Wales.

THE Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt has left the Welsh Government Cabinet, following a re-shuffle.

Wales' First Minister and Bridgend AM, Carwyn Jones, praised her as a politician who "brought stability and had an unrivalled ability to build bridges".

Ms Hutt said she considered herself "lucky" to have been able to contribute to the Assembly in its foundation period.

"I am leaving the Cabinet after 18 and a half years of ministerial office in health, social services, equalities, education, finance and finally as Leader of the House and Chief Whip.

"I have been very fortunate to be able to play my part in the founding years of the Assembly, helping to secure stability

and confidence in a Welsh Labour Government throughout this time.

"Guided always by my principles and values of social justice and fair play. I have taken every opportunity to help shape policy to meet Welsh needs in the past two decades of devolution.

"You have to stick to your principles in politics and keep your feet on the ground, listening to the people you serve, especially those without a strong voice. That's what I have always sought to do."

She added: "I will continue to serve my constituents in the Vale with dedication and commitment, thankful for the support I have received from them for so many years."

Mr Jones said: "Jane Hutt has been a feature of Welsh Government, and Welsh public life for two decades. Her unique

approach and unrivalled ability to build bridges always brought stability through all the toughest periods of party politics in Cardiff Bay – she was always the one who could deliver a sensible compromise and find a way through difficult periods.

"The people of the Vale are very lucky to have such a committed politician to represent them, and I'm sure she will continue to do so with distinction in the future."

NB Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on November 11 from 10am – 11am at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

'WE MUST PREPARE FOR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EUROPE AND THE WORLD'

LEAVING the European Union will open up new trade and investment opportunities around the world for Wales and the UK, says Alun Cairns.

Responding to questions in the Commons, the Welsh Secretary and Vale MP said Wales remains a great place to invest and that as the UK leaves the EU the Government will continue to support existing investment relationships and work to attract new projects.

He told MPs he is working closely with the Department for International Trade to make sure this happens.

Mr Cairns said: "Last year, 85 foreign direct investment projects came to Wales, 95 per cent of which were supported and facilitated by the Department for International Trade.

"I have been to Qatar and Japan to talk to investors, and I am encouraged by their optimism and the flexibility that the Welsh economy can bring.

"I am encouraged by their interest and commitment. Japanese companies, by tradition, make long-term investments.

"The first was in Bridgend – Sony was one of the first – in 1973, and they have similarly committed that they want to remain with us for the long term to come.

"Last year was another successful year – 85 projects came to Wales, creating 2,500 new jobs. Exports to the EU were increased by 15 per cent, but exports outside the European Union increased by 20 per cent.

"That demonstrates the great flexibility of businesses in Wales, keen to explore the new opportunities that exiting the EU brings."

Mr Cairns said the Government is doing everything they can to get a good deal for the UK following Brexit. He said: "Of course, it is also prudent to prepare for all outcomes.

"We have to prepare for every potential eventuality because we need to preserve the integrity of the UK market, a relationship with Europe and the new opportunities with markets around the world."

He said that he and International Trade Secretary Liam Fox had met Welsh First Minister Carwyn Jones the previous week to discuss these issues.

THE Government is looking closely at what powers should be devolved to the Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish administrations following Brexit, says Alun Cairns.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was facing questions in the Commons over

concerns expressed by some MPs that Westminster will seek to retain some powers that should properly be devolved.

He said he holds regular discussions with Welsh First Minister Carwyn Jones and AMs as well as with local authorities, industry representatives and third sector organisations on matters relating to the UK leaving the EU.

Mr Cairns said: "There are 64 areas of law that intersect with the Welsh Government.

"There is an awful lot of technical work going on between officials in the Welsh and Scottish Governments and the UK administration.

"There are many functions beneath that, but we are working positively to establish which of them can be devolved as quickly as possible when powers are returned from the European Union to the UK.

"We want to move forward so that the powers of the Welsh and Scottish Governments will be extended, but we also need to maintain the integrity of the UK market.

"We need to remember that everything we are doing needs to suit business because we want business to continue to export and work throughout the UK."

Reports by Mike Prosser.

PLAID'S CALL FOR BIOMASS PLANT REVISIONS

PLAID Cymru councillors for the centre of Barry have requested that the full Vale of Glamorgan Planning Committee consider revisions to the planning application for a biomass incinerator on Barry Docks – rather than leaving it to council officers to decide.

The plant was given planning permission in July 2015 by the Vale Council when Conservative and the majority of Labour councillors voted for the plans at a planning committee, while Plaid Cymru councillors voted against.

Plans were originally submitted for the site in 2009 and it has been at the centre of public debate in Barry for much of the past decade,

including the most recent full council where Cllr Nic Hodges raised residents' complaints about noise and night-working.

Currently, Natural Resources Wales are determining whether to award the company running the site a permit to operate.

Plaid Cymru councillor for Barry Docks, Millie Collins added: "Many residents in Barry have very strong concerns about a site located so close to the centre of Barry, which many feel should not have received planning permission from Tory and Labour councillors in 2015.

"Since then, Barry Town Council has commissioned reports about the environmental impact of giving the site a permit and the Vale Council has finally reported that they too have concerns.

"However, receiving this planning application has been a surprise. Residents want to know why the site operators have been forced to request variations on their planning application. Is this because the developers have made mistakes that need correcting, or that the Vale council made a mistake in allowing this application to pass like this in the first place?"

Fellow Plaid Cymru councillor for Barry town centre Ian Johnson said: "This revision is a matter of high public interest and should be discussed transparently by the Vale Planning Committee in the open so that interested people can hear the questions and answers, not be a decision made by officers behind closed doors."

'Service closure could hurt rural communications' says AM

RURAL Vale residents' concerns about the closure of a key communications platform have been taken up with company bosses.

Mobile operator O2 have run the 'TuGo' app for several years, which has allowed customers without a mobile signal to make calls and texts via their Wifi network.

But the company have now announced plans to close the service on November 30 and customers fear its replacement will be more limited in its use.

Concerns have been raised that it will be only accessible on smartphones 'locked' to the O2 network, so those purchased through third party suppliers, such as the Carphone Warehouse, will be unable to use it.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has been contacted by several constituents about the

problem and has written to O2 demanding action ahead of the switchover.

Mr Davies said: "While great strides have been made forward in improving communications in the rural Vale, there is still plenty more to do, both in terms of mobile signal and superfast broadband.

"Several constituents have contacted me ahead of the proposed closure of the TuGo service, which has been reliable for those without phone signal at home or work.

"I have therefore written to O2 to request a meeting ahead of the closure and also action to ensure that no one loses out as a result of the decision."

See Alun Cairns MP's column on page 9 for more on rural wifi and broadband connectivity.

Coffee morning fundraiser for Vale People First



Volunteers and staff from Vale People First with Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Vale.

VALE People First was hosted at a coffee morning at the Art Central Gallery, King Square, Barry by mayor of the Vale, Cllr Janice Charles, recently.

Vale People First is a self-advocacy organisation run by people with a learning disability in the Vale.

A spokesperson said: "It is a representative voice for people with a learning disability in the area, and is commissioned by the local authority to speak up about the services they receive, in order to improve existing and future services, to be more tailored to the person's needs."

The volunteers who organised the event,

Alison Kendrick and Christine Martin, were thanked by the mayor.

Geoff Davies, Vale First facilitator, said: "Thank you Madam Mayor for your support today at the coffee morning, we raised an amazing £401.85."

To find out more about Vale People First, visit www.valepeoplefirst.org.uk.



One of the photographs taken in Iran by Patrick Davies.

Images of Iran enthral Vale Photographic Club

OCTOBER saw another exciting and enjoyable month for the Vale Photographic Club.

We started with a presentation by Simon Hadleigh Sparks, an eminent photographer from London who has spent several months as the leader of the web based international competition site 'Photocrowd'.

Photocrowd attracts tens of thousands of competitors so to lead it is a magnificent achievement. Simon showed us some of his awe-inspiring abstract architectural photographs and let us in on some of his "secrets" for success.

We moved onto our first club competition of the year following which Terry Verrinder is left in pole

position for next month. On the 20th we sat down to a thrilling evening with Patrick Davies showing images from a recent trip to Iran: we had a tantalising 20 minutes before a power cut hit the whole of Ystradowen.

We were so gripped by his talk that the audience continued to listen to Patrick's account of his visit in complete darkness; after another 30 minutes we agreed to abandon the evening but are arranging for Patrick to give his talk later in the year, if anyone is interested in seeing images and hearing a fascinating talk look out on our website for the new arrangements (www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk). One of his images is shown with this article.

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BROADBAND REACH: the challenge for growing businesses

EACH year, I have the privilege of nominating businesses for the **Countryside Alliance's Rural Oscars** – a set of UK-wide awards established to recognise the very best of rural British enterprise.

With so many deserving choices in the Vale and, indeed, throughout Wales, it is always such a tricky dilemma, but this year I finally whittled down my choices based on businesses who I believed to have demonstrated impeccable strategies to grow in the face of great challenges.

My 2017 nominees are Dixie's Vintage Ices for Britain's best local food and drink retailer, I G Nicholas for Britain's best butcher, Rosedew Farm for Britain's best rural enterprise and The Star Inn for Britain's best pub.

Each one of these nominees has sought innovative ways in which to overcome obstacles which are too often damaging to independent businesses – whether it is large competition such as a national supermarket locating itself in the same town centre, expensive business rates or the irrefutable difficulty of introducing a brand new and unique concept to an area and fresh group of customers.

These four fantastic businesses have successfully shown the necessity of maintaining the support of long-standing



Welsh Secretary
ALUN CAIRNS
reports to
GEM readers

Having discussed with BT and Openreach the so-called 'whitespots' – the pockets where access to fast broadband is not currently possible – I have this month hosted community surgeries in these areas in order to equip myself with an extensive record of affected properties in preparation to present these at further meetings with the telecommunications providers as the next phase of the Superfast Cymru rollout is undertaken.

I will also be writing to the Welsh Government to enquire as to whether they will be considering the Vale – which currently has the third worst superfast broadband accessibility in Wales – as a priority in their plan to extend broadband reach by 2020. I will, of course, notify all affected residents of the response.

If you were unable to attend one of these surgeries but do experience slow broadband speeds, please inform me of your telephone number and home address in case there is a 'whitespot' that the providers are not aware of. I can be contacted at alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk

On a separate note, I wish to conclude by saying that I am shocked and saddened by the tragic news of the death of Carl Sargeant. My heart goes out to his family, friends and colleagues.

Vale Council's building team takes one award, in line for another

THE Vale Council's building control team are through to the grand finals after winning at the Regional All Wales Building Excellence Awards 2017.

David Frost, part of the building control team in the Vale, was awarded the Best Change of Use of an Existing Building or Conversion, at the award ceremony last month.

The award was given following the conversion of the old Fire Station in Trumpton House, Court Road, Barry, a grade 2 listed building, after the large structure of the building had suffered from dry rot and the internal floors had collapsed.

Nominations for the awards are made by the council's building control surveyors, who are responsible for the supervision of the projects through to the completion of the work.

Charles Hunter, the principal building control

surveyor for the Vale Council, said: "We are extremely proud to have these examples of excellence in construction here in the Vale. Our building control team have forged and maintained strong working relationships with the industry to deliver and promote these examples of best practice and these awards recognise the hard work and commitment of all involved in the process."

David Frost and team are now through to the grand finals at the National Building Excellence Awards 2017 next month.

The team thanked their local sponsors for continuing to support the awards at a local level, including Nina Estate Agents, ACD Skip & Recycling, The Vale Resort, The Glamorgan GEM and Jewson of Barry.

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Family pays tribute to former soldier who died in A48 collision

THE 26 year-old cyclist who died in collision with a car on the A48 in the Vale on Saturday, October 28 has been named as Jack Berry from Gragenetown in Cardiff.

Jack's family has paid the following tribute to him

"Jack was born in RAF Wegberg, Germany before spending his early childhood and schooldays in Abercarn. He was a keen sportsman playing rugby and football for local clubs in Abercarn and Blackwood as well as representing Cwmarn High School in a variety of sports.

"Despite achieving great success in his GCSEs Jack had already made the decision to follow his parents into the British Army. He achieved great success both on the sports field, where he again represented the AGC in a number of sports, although by now his real talent was shining through on the rugby field where he played in the back row, displaying the positive attitude,

steely determination and tireless work ethic that was to become the hallmark of his life.

"During his six years' service Jack proudly served with B Coy, 2 Royal Welsh including a tour of Afghanistan where once again his positive mindset, sense of humour and infectious smile came to the fore.

In 2014 Jack married Luisa and they were both happily enjoying married life in their home in Cardiff Bay.

"The last 12 months has seen Jack training and working as a chef at the Bush Inn, St Hilary where he not only demonstrated a talent for cooking but his uncanny knack of making friends across the generations and impacting everybody he encountered in a positive way. Whilst working at the Bush Inn he discovered a passion for Triathlon and tragically died whilst out on a training ride.

"He died, just as he lived his whole life, with a smile on his face and doing the things he loved with the people he loved. Jack was a loving husband, son, brother,



Jack Berry.

nephew, cousin, grandson and friend of so many people... he will be sorely missed.

Police officers are continuing to investigate the collision, which happened at around 7.20am, when a white Skoda Octavia collided with a group of three

cyclists on the A48 between the Cowbridge by-pass and Pentre Meyrick.

A 36-year-old local man arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving has been released under investigation.

Officers investigating the incident are still appealing for any witnesses, or anyone who may have seen the manner in which the car was being driven prior to the collision, and who may not have already done so, to contact South Wales Police on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and quote reference 1700418785.

Call for knitters to join WWI project

A LOCAL woman is inviting knitters and textile makers in the area to join an ambitious project to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I - which will happen next year.

Eirwen Price is co-ordinating local activity in 'Wonderwool Wales' - which would like to bring together the community of textile makers to recreate the united determination of the World War I volunteers.

Eirwen said: "The aim of the Centenary Textiles project is to produce a Community Textile Installation at Wonderwool Wales 2018 (in Builth Wells) to mark the end of World War I.

"The 'Curtain of Poppies' will include 887,858 textile poppies, to commemorate each person from the UK who died serving their

country." She continued: "Volunteers are invited to use our range of patterns to make one or more textile poppies to feature in the Curtain of Poppies in 2018.

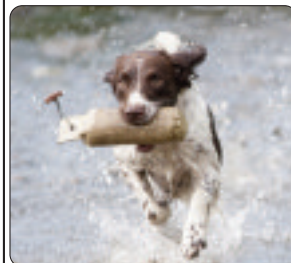
"If you or your textile group would like to make a larger contribution, please make lengths of green i-cord (four stitches) approximately two metres long, and stitch pairs of poppies back to back, at a spacing of about 15 cm."

The project is in support of The Royal British Legion, and donations are invited in support.

To donate, go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Wonderwool-Wales-Curtain-of-Poppies.

For information on the project, go to www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk/show-events/curtain-of-poppies.html. Further information can be obtained from Eirwen Price on 01446 772925.

FROM PERO TO HERO



Is your dog a hero?

ONE of the best known folk tales in Wales is the story of faithful hound Gelert and as part of S4C's Legends month, an appeal has been launched to find Wales' 'bravest dog'.

The channel is searching for stories of brave, heroic and loyal canines as part of a competition on the nightly magazine programme *Heno*.

During the month, *Heno* will celebrate the achievements of the four-legged friends who give so much to their owners.

One of these is the homesick sheepdog Pero, which travelled 240 miles from Cumbria to Ceredigion to be reunited with his owners.

"When you have a pup as a little one, you bond straight away. Once you are friends you will be friends forever," said Alan James, owner of Pero the sheepdog, who

lives in Penrhynoch, Ceredigion.

"Pero went to a farm in Cockerthorpe, Cumbria to do some work with the sheep but he was homesick. He refused to do anything, he missed us too much.

He escaped from the farm and travelled 240 miles to come back to us. "How he found his way home we will never know. Pero is by now a local hero. When I go to the Royal Welsh Show, people know Pero before me."

The competition is open until November 14 and the winner will be selected by a panel of judges. The prize is a year's worth of dog food by pet-food producer, Pero which are sponsoring the competition, and a hamper of products.

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Review will look at tragic case of Elsie

FOLLOWING the conviction of Matthew Scully-Hicks of the murder of his 18-month-old daughter, Elsie, attention will switch to the investigation which will centre on how the little girl met her death.

Scully-Hicks (31) will spend a minimum of 18 years in prison after the jury at Cardiff Crown Court found him guilty.

The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Children Board will now look at the circumstances.

A spokesperson for the board said: "Now that the criminal proceedings have concluded, the Regional Safeguarding Children Board will seek assurance that the independent child practice review, which has already been commissioned, into the tragic circumstances of the child's death, will be progressed.

"It would therefore not be appropriate for the board to comment further until the conclusion of the independent review."

The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Children Board (RSCB) is made up of statutory partners (Cardiff Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, the University Health Board, Velindre Health Trust, South Wales Police and the Probation Services) and additional members including voluntary sector organisations as appropriate.

Child Practice Reviews are carried out by independent reviewers, who are appointed by the Review Panel and who have had no previous involvement in the case or its management

The Vale Council's social services were supervising the adoption of Elsie, who was born in the Vale.



Elsie Scully-Hicks was murdered by her adoptive father.

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Andrew Robson, wanted on recall to prison, sought

SOUTH Wales Police on November 8 issued an appeal for information on the whereabouts of Andrew Robson, who is wanted on recall to prison.

Robson, 48, has links with Bridgend, Cardiff and Swansea. A spokesperson said: "Anyone with information which could help us locate him should contact 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting reference 1700406656."



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IT'S yet another award for local law firm Newbold Solicitors!

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Catherine Hartland started local firm Brendons Solicitors in 2010, shortly joined by Maurice Thompson. Brendons went on to purchase Newbold Solicitors in 2012.

Under their management the firm has grown to employing almost 70 staff in 4 offices across South Wales.

"The firm specialises in landlord and tenant disputes, representing clients at civil court hearings and buying and selling properties.

Catherine is a local Solicitor and is the fifth generation in her family to be born, raised and educated in the Vale.

Catherine invited Alun Cairns MP to their Barry branch to thank him personally for the support he gave her starting up the firm in 2010.

Catherine said: "It was not easy starting up a law firm after the recession. There were initially

major obstacles put in my way. However, Alun was a tremendous support to me and gave me the encouragement when I needed it.

"I am very grateful because Newbold is able to employ local staff, help re-energise the local High Street and significantly contribute to the local economy.

"My father Cecil was a local welder, my mother Mary was a housewife, which proves you do not have to have a stereo-typical background to reach your goals in life.

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Mr Cairns said: "I am hugely

impressed by the work that those at Newbold Solicitors have achieved in making the firm such a success.

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Vale Bridge club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for November 6 are as follows:

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Jam Fund is the small charity with a big heart

THE dedicated work of Vale charity, the Jam Fund, continued recently with a number of key donations.

The fund was started in memory of Jamie Adamson, who died of cancer at the age of just five in 2004. Since 2005, it has raised more than £400,000 and has helped numerous youngsters suffering from ill health, as well as providing welcome support for their families.

Jamie's father Paul, told The GEM: "A £500 donation has gone to the Vale Parent Pupil Volunteer Homework Group based in Rhosce."

"The group is run by Cath Watkins and Maria Thompson. The purpose is to assist children of mixed academic abilities with education in a non-school environment and it has even branched out to offer a range of courses for adolescents and adults."

"Initially, they started with just five children but now have 200 on the books!"

"The Jam Fund has assisted the club with financial donations before."

In recognition of the support provided by the charity, the group presents the 'Jamie Adamson Shield' at its annual presentation evening.

Paul went on: "We have also given a cheque of £1,000 for five-year-old Lacey Mae who has bravely fought a brain tumour. It will enable the family to buy Lacey Mae and her brothers some gifts."

The Jam Fund has also been able to help three-year-old Ollie Meredith. Paul said: "We were delighted to make a presentation to Sean and Sophie and their children Summer, aged seven, and Ollie, aged three."

"Ollie was born with an extra chromosome which means he had faced many difficulties in his life."

"We donated a cheque of £750 which is half of the amount required to purchase Ollie a special chair to keep him comfortable. The chair is made to order and has special attachments."

"The rest of the funds were raised by Barry Rotary Club and new life charities."

The Jam Fund is supported by volunteers like Carlie James, who ran the Cardiff Half Marathon in October and raised £800. Another local runner, Daniel Ladner, raised almost £200.

Their collective amount was matched by the Jam Fund and a cheque for £2,000 was donated to Adam and Emma Sargent, the parents of Sebastian, who needs an 'Eye Gaze' machine to help him talk to his mum and dad.

The total cost of the machine is £8,500, and the Jam Fund's Denise Adamson was present at a recent fundraiser for Sebastian at Cadoxton Conservative Club and was able to hand over the gift there.

But that is not all. The Jam Fund is helping even more youngsters. A little girl aged 11 from Barry is about to receive £1,000 towards a special 'p pod' chair similar to Ollie's.

A teenage boy from the north of England has received £1,000 towards specialist physiotherapy, and an 11-year-old girl from the south of England has received a cheque of £1,000 towards some special glasses to help her see more clearly and spend a little time on holiday.

The total recent donations are £7,250.

Paul added: "I want to say a special 'thank you' to Carlie and Daniel and all those who sponsored them, and all those local people who have and continue to support the Jam Fund."

"The vast majority of funds raised are now spent on children living in the Vale and Cardiff, and the charity has raised approximately £410,000 since it started 12 years ago, which is far more than I had anticipated."



Ollie Meredith in his special 'p pod' chair.



A fundraiser was held for Sebastian Sargent at Cadoxton Conservative Club. From left: Adam Sargent, Carlie James, Emma Sargent and Denise Adamson. The Jam Fund has given a cheque of £2,000 which will be put towards an 'Eye Gaze' machine for Sebastian.

Bake sale success

ISOBEL Pearce (aged nine) from Penarth decided to raise some money for a local good cause: the Marie Curie Cardiff & the Vale hospice.

Enlisting the help of her friends Sophia and Lara, Isobel approached her headteacher at Howell's School to ask if she could hold a charity bake sale.

Together, the girls raised an £136.56.



Paul Adamson of the Jam Fund with Sean, Sophie, Summer and Ollie Meredith.



Paul with Carlie James, who ran the Cardiff Half Marathon and raised £800 for the Jam Fund.



RIGHT: A £500 donation has gone to the Vale Parent Pupil Volunteer Homework Group. From left to right, Maria Thompson, Denise Adamson of the Jam Fund, and Catherine Watkins.



Paul with Donna, Rob and Lacey Mae.



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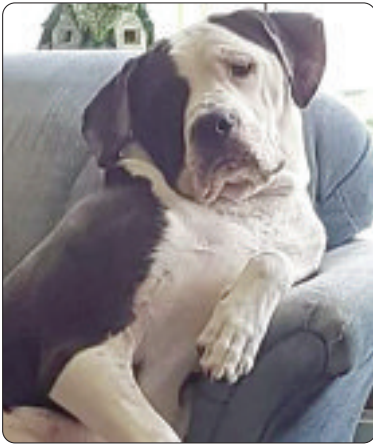
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Missing Skyla is sought



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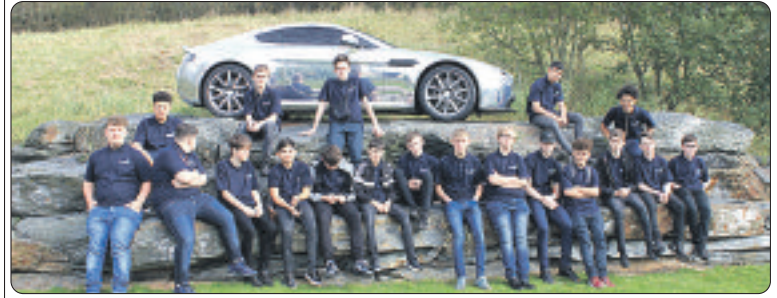
Skyla, who is described as very nervous, has not been sighted since Sunday afternoon. At the time she disappeared she was wearing a pink collar with a pink lead, but it is possible that these may have now become detached from her face. Skyla is microchipped." SG

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Karen Botting, Aston Martin's senior manager of learning and development, said: "As part of our CSR strategy we hosted the junior apprentices from CAVC to increase their aspirations for the

future, and explain the type of job roles, skills and attitude required for a luxury brand.

"A successful day if we were able to influence their views and attitude to learning for a better future."

CAVC vice principal Sharon James said: "CAVC and Aston Martin have a long-standing collaborative partnership, with its new facility opening in St Athan in 2018.

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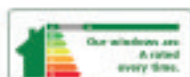
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Fairtrade exhibition struck gold in Barry!

BARRY Town Council's Fairtrade committee hosted the Fairtrade Gold Exhibition on November 2.

A spokesperson stated: "The 'Discover Fairtrade Gold' photography exhibition is a set of 16 images, quotes and stories from gold mining communities in South America and East Africa, which bring the challenges facing small-scale gold miners and the difference Fairtrade can make to life."

"The exhibition says that up to 16 million men, women and children are pushed into small-scale gold mining by poverty around the world."

"Faced with numerous challenges to earn a fair price for their gold, life is tough, conditions dangerous and livelihoods for most precarious at best."

The Fairtrade Committee meets regularly and is always looking for new and enthusiastic members to join them.

If you are interested in attending a future meeting of the Fairtrade Committee then contact Barry Town Council's community development officer

at
robynwalsh@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk
or 01446 704925 for more information.
Robyn Walsh

Get behind 'The Big Wrap' this Christmas

THE Big Wrap 2017 is working with the Vale Council to provide gifts to disadvantaged children and young people who are at risk of receiving nothing or very little this Christmas.

Last year, over 1,000 gifts were provided to 350 children living across the county and the team are hoping to help even more in 2017.

The Vale Council's 'Community Investment Team' is one of several partners supporting this year's appeal. Run by volunteers, The Big Wrap relies entirely on donations from local organisations and members of the public.

The Big Wrap is happy to receive toys (which should be new and unwrapped) and gift tokens or financial donations. This year's wish list includes board games, doll sets, train sets and toiletry sets for teenage boys.

The Big Wrap is asking people, if they can spare the money, to add an extra gift to their basket while doing their annual Christmas shopping.

Donations can be taken to the Vale Council Civic Offices in Holton Road, Barry between now and Friday, December 15.

Cheques can be made payable to 'The Big Wrap' and sent to Coastlands Church, Tennyson Road, Colcot, Barry (CF62 9TN).

Road closures in Barry

BARRY Town Council say that essential repair works to roads within Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery will commence on

Monday, November 13, ending on December 1.

Roads will be closed, but diversions will be in operation.

Library welcomes author to 'open day'

TO mark its first anniversary as a charity, Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre will hold an open day on **Saturday, November 18 between 10am and 3pm.**

An attraction on the day is local author Cathy Farr, who will be giving a talk at 11.30am. There will be a book sale, a children's corner, Christmas bric-a-brac, home-made cakes and tombola. There is no entry charge.

Lesotho craft fair

THE Christmas Craft Fair for Lesotho will take place in Stanwell Road Baptist Church Hall on **Saturday, November 11 from 10am till 1pm.**

The Penarth and District Lesotho Trust has focused attention this year on the orphanage in Tayataneng, now complete; and the building work of the home for teenage mothers is finished, but furniture and furnishings are needed.

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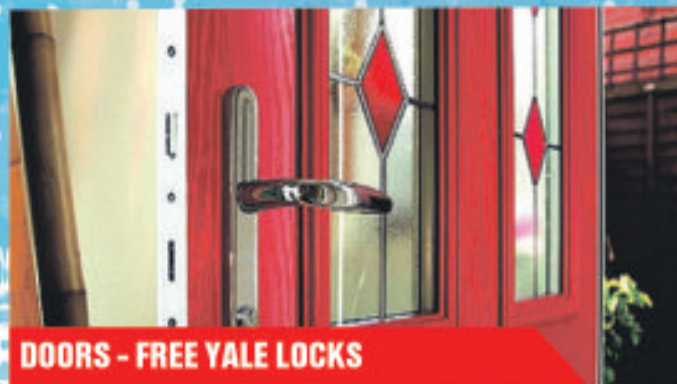
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BRANAGH'S ORIENT EXPRESS IS A TRAIN WRECK LOADED UP WITH HAM ACTORS

THE concept of Agatha Christie and the character of Hercule Poirot always has the whiff of Sunday evenings about it, such was the proliferation of adventures embarked upon by the great detective (played in that incarnation by David Suchet) in my youth.

However, Kenneth Branagh aims to blow away the fustiness of the character in a new adaption of perhaps Poirot's most famous case, the *Murder on the Orient Express*. Directing and also playing Poirot himself, Branagh (and his most formidable moustache) investigates the murder of a businessman (Johnny Depp) while confined to the carriages of the titular train.

Amongst the suspects are the likes of Dame Judi Dench, Daisy Ridley, Josh Gad and Michelle Pfeiffer – but can the esteemed Poirot track down the murderer?

Murder on the Orient Express opens with a moment of comedy, as Poirot demands two boiled eggs of the exact same dimensions, before solving a case involving the theft of a religious artefact that is painfully obvious who the culprit is, if not the why.

On such unsteady and tonally disparate foundations the entire film is based, as ... *Orient Express* is a film that

never quite nails the tone of what it's trying to achieve, is stuffed to the ceiling with the hammiest acting performances and feels cumbersome and leaden in the extreme.

Kenneth Branagh's directorial career huge shot in the arm after tackling the debut adventure of *Thor*. Since then, he's helmed the hugely underwhelming *Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit* and the glossy, yet vapid, live-action version of *Cinderella*.

If Branagh was aiming for his mediocre hat-trick with this film, then he has succeeded with aplomb.

Some nice little flourishes here and there aside, the film feels lacking in every area; there is no dynamism, no tension, no moments of revealing a clue and then pulling the rug out from under you.

Whether it's a fault of the story itself, or Michael Green's screenplay, you never get a real feeling of the stakes, never get truly invested in the 'whodunnit' at the core.

The murder and mystery behind it, coupled with the suspects being stuck on a snowed-in train should make



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received a until the film snaps into a climax that is unsatisfying, despite the smarts employed by the guilty party.

Even if the direction is lacking, you would expect such a starry and award-laden cast to really sink their teeth into a piece of work like this.

Instead, Branagh puts a little too much focus on Poirot, a subplot involving a lost love cumbersome, and he all too often resorts to ill-timed comedy to undercut the mood.

While it's nice to see Johnny Depp not behaving like an idiot and wearing a silly costume, his villainous character doesn't work, while the likes of Daisy Ridley, Judi Dench, Olivia Coleman and Josh Gad are neither given enough screen time nor enough characterization for them to really resonate.

A special word for Tom Bateman's Bouc, who delivers a master class in overacting that makes you wish that rather than

for fireworks, a chamber piece dripping with questions and puzzles. Instead, the story plays out at a quick pace, but never really lights a match under proceedings, things just simmering gently

being the man in charge of the Orient Express, he was in fact the first victim of the murderer.

He's not alone, far from it, as you could quite easily extract several pounds of ham from the cast members, but his ludicrous performance is symptomatic of the film as a whole, all involved obviously enjoying a break from the rigors of essaying actual characters and doing some actual acting.

It's a real shame, as given how successful the reinventions of the likes of Sherlock Holmes have proved, there's obviously a market and a demand to see these stories and characters given a new lick of paint.

With *Murder on the Orient Express*, it's a shame that they bothered, as this is an absolute train wreck of a film, one that comes off the tracks early on and never gets back on them.

VERDICT: A woeful 21st century update of Agatha Christie's most well-known Hercule Poirot adventure, *Murder on the Orient Express* is a terrible film, full of leaden direction and over-the-top acting that leaves you feeling you're watching a poor amateur dramatic group rather than some of Hollywood's great and good. A sequel-baiting line at the end suggests further adventures for Kenneth Branagh's Poirot – you can only hope they remain unfilmed. *Avoid at all costs.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Identity* (2003), *Death On The Nile* (1978).

From NT Live to the Memo, it's *Follies*



STEPHEN Sondheim's legendary musical *Follies* is broadcast live to the Memo Arts Centre, Barry on Thursday, November 16.

Set in 1971 New York, the production follows the reunion of a group of showgirls at the Weismann Theatre where they used to perform. It is about to be demolished.

Thirty years after their final performance, the *Follies* girls gather to have a few drinks, sing a few songs and lie about themselves.

Including such classic songs as 'Broadway Baby', 'I'm Still Here' and

'Losing My Mind', Stephen Sondheim's legendary musical is staged for the first time at the National Theatre.

The cast of 37 includes Olivier Award winning actresses Imelda Staunton, Tracie Bennett, Janie Dee who are joined by an orchestra of 21.

The production is directed by Dominic Cooke (*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*).

NT Live: Follies is broadcast live to the Memo Arts Centre on November 16 at 7pm. Call the box office on 01446 738622 for further details and tickets, or book tickets online at

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The Barry men who were shot down by the Red Baron – LOCAL MEN WHO FOUGHT IN THE SKIES DURING WWI

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historian Dr
Jonathan Hicks
pays tribute to the
local airmen who
fought in the First
World War:

When Great Britain
declared war on
Germany on August 4,
1914 the Royal Flying
Corps was just over two
years old, and it was on
November 29, 1917, that
an Act of Parliament
establishing the Royal
Air Force received the
Royal Assent of King
George V.

The Royal Air Force
was formed by the
combining of the Royal
Flying Corps and the
Royal Naval Air Service.
The RFC was part of the
British Army and was
divided into Naval and
Military wings.

Wales provided pilots,
observers, ground crew
and other logistical
support to all branches
of the service.

While writing my
book on the Battle of
Passchendaele, I started
to come across
references to Welsh
airmen and discovered
that very little has
hitherto been written
about them. For
example, there are
dozens of Welsh 'aces'
who were required to
down five or more
enemy aircraft to qualify
for this prestigious title.
One of them was the

fourth highest-scoring
Allied ace of the war
and yet he is virtually
unknown. Every one of
them deserves
recognition and what
follow are details of the
men from Barry who
served in the Royal
Flying Corps during the
Great War.

Lieutenant John
Stephen Windsor of
Barry Dock was
awarded the Military
Cross for conspicuous
bravery while night
flying in Mesopotamia,
and was also
recommended for
promotion as Captain
and Flight Commander.

The action by which
Windsor won the MC
occurred on September
23, 1916, when he
started out before dawn
and flew for 60 miles to
an enemy aerodrome to
destroy it.

Despite heavy anti-
aircraft fire, he bombed
the target and returned
safely to base. It was
then discovered that he
had 70 bullet holes in
the wings of his
machine, his service
petrol tank was shot
through and one bullet
had passed just over his
knees.

Windsor had served
his apprenticeship as an
engineer with the Barry
Railway Company
before war broke out.
He entered for the
Sandhurst Royal
Military College
examination and gained
admission. Upon



John Windsor.

passing out, he was
gazetted to the South
Wales Borderers in
November 1915 and was
later attached to the
Royal Flying Corps.

He left for
Mesopotamia in June
1916 and went through
all the fighting at Kut
and Baghdad, being one
of the first aviators to
drop bombs on Baghdad
and one of the first to fly
into the ancient city on
the day the Turks
evacuated it.

Windsor also flew
150 miles from Baghdad
to the Russian forces,
but as the ground was
very rough for landing,
the undercarriage of his
machine was carried
away and he was
compelled to wait with
the Russians for three
weeks until a spare set
of gear arrived.

On another occasion,
he was detailed with
another officer to fly to a
railway bridge 60 miles
behind the enemy's lines
beyond Baghdad. When



Guy Everingham.

he landed to make an
examination of the
bridge with a view to
blowing it up, 50
mounted Arabs were
seen to be galloping
towards him and he just
had time to return to his
machine and fired 100
rounds from his machine
gun at them.

In May 1917, he was
wounded in the wrist
while flying in France
and was in hospital in
Devonport. He had
only been in France
three days, but had
served in Mesopotamia
for 15 months and had
been an instructor for six
months.

Second Lieutenant
Guy Everingham was
killed on April 8, 1917
aged 22. Serving with
16 Squadron, he was
buried alongside his
pilot, Second Lieutenant
Keith Ingleby
MacKenzie, in Bois-
Carre British Cemetery,
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The men who fought in the skies...

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EVERINGHAM was born in Barry, was privately educated and was living in Colwyn Bay when war broke out. Enlisting in the 13th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, he was commissioned in February 1915 and arrived in France in March 1916 serving as signalling officer.

He later served as a bombing officer with 113th Trench Mortar Battery before applying to join the Royal Flying Corps, training as an observer.

Everingham married in February 1917 and set up home with his wife in Llandudno, but was ordered to return to the front after just two days of marriage.

His BE2g was photographing the village of Farbus, north-east of Arras, just a day before the battle began. It was shot down at 4.40pm over what was to become the battlefield, so the crew were not buried for a week until the ground was taken by British troops.

Their attacker was Baron Manfred von Richthofen – the two airmen were his 39th

victory and his second of the day. The pilot, Keith MacKenzie, was von Richthofen's youngest victim, at 18.

Von Richthofen wrote in his combat report: "I was flying and surprised an English artillery flyer. After a very few shots the plane broke to pieces and fell near Vimy... remnants distributed over more than one kilometre."

Second Lieutenant Hugh Howells died in a flying accident at Spittlegate in Lincolnshire on April 10, 1917, aged 26.

Born at Bedlinog in Glamorgan where his parents ran the Railway Hotel, he was married with a young child and lived on Barry Island.

Before the war, he was an electrician with the Rhymney Iron Company. A flying magazine carried an account of his death:

2nd Lieut. Hugh Howells, RFC, was flying an aeroplane at rather low altitude in an eastern county on April 10 when the machine fell, struck a corner of a building, and burst into flames.

The officer was so badly burned that he died in a neighbouring

military hospital during the night.

Hugh Howells was buried at Soar-y-Graig Cemetery in Llechryd. In 2005, the chapel and cemetery were sold for development and the ground was no longer maintained. The area now lies abandoned to Japanese knotweed and bluebells. The names of the war dead were then recorded on Cardiff Western Cemetery screen wall.

David Evan Davies of 175, Barry Road was educated at Barry County School and University College, Cardiff, where he gained his MSc. He held a government appointment in the West Indies before returning home on the outbreak of war and enlisting in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Commissioned into the Royal Flying Corps, he joined 12 Squadron at Avesnes-le-Comte on the Western Front and was shot down while flying a BE2e on April 29, 1917 by Manfred von Richthofen. His body was never recovered and he is commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial. He was 25.

Roy Makepeace, originally from Barry, had an unusual period of military service. It was reported that: *Upon his release, he came over to England and joined the South African Infantry, leaving shortly afterwards for France, in which country he spent two years.*

While taking part in the Somme Battle he was sent with a message from the headquarters to a bombing party who had captured some German trenches. He came upon a trench occupied by six Germans. With the exception of a stout stick he had nothing to defend himself, but boldly shouted to the enemy, "Hands up!" and they threw down their rifles.

He was awarded the Military Medal, and invested on July 26 by



Roy Makepeace.

the King, who, with the Queen and Princess Mary warmly congratulated him upon his achievement. Since his return to Fleur-de-lis, the local reception committee – of which Mr Henry Watts, a South African veteran, is the chairman – has presented him with a gold watch in recognition of his action.

Royal Victor Nash Makepeace was born in

Barry in 1899. The family then emigrated to South Africa and when war was declared, he enlisted in the South African Army, aged 15, in October 1914. Two months later, he was captured by the Germans and spent the next seven months as a prisoner of war.

He then sent a telegram to his parents saying that he was going to Europe. He fought at Delville

Wood on the Somme in 1916 with the 1st South African Infantry Regiment and said later that he was physically and mentally exhausted after three charges against the German positions. His helmet had two holes as the result of being struck by shrapnel.

When the King asked him how old he was, Makepeace gave an honest response and as a result he was dismissed from the Army two days later.

He enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps and was shot down on his first mission.

Surviving the war, he was promoted to lieutenant at the age of 19 and later founded the Aero Club of South Africa.

Second Lieutenant Albert Payne, Royal Flying Corps of Travis Street, Barry Docks also met with a fatal accident on Sunday, January 1918 when making a trial flight from Hendon (where he was stationed) to Ipswich. After emigrating to Canada before the war, he had enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

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On behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the Mayor, Councillor Janice Charles wishes the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal every success and is pleased to support this worthy cause.



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Telling the stories of The Fallen

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Payne had arrived in France two years before he was killed, but was wounded and discharged, and stationed at the head offices of the Canadian Government in London. There he saw a recruiting poster for the RFC and subsequently enlisted.

The full story of the accident was told at the inquest at Hendon on the body of Payne and Francis Harry Varney Vise, aged 22, the pilot. A Captain Sevinbright said that Vise was an experienced pilot, although he was flying a machine that he had never flown before.

He had, however, flown one which was very similar, and the slight differences were pointed out to him before the flight.

Witnesses said that the two men reached an altitude of 1,500 feet and then descended to about around 1,000ft. He believed that the machine stalled on the turn. The climate conditions were not against flying.

Captain Clear of the Manchester Regiment, attached to the School of Instruction, said that he saw most of the flight. The machine took off steeply and when 100 feet up it made a turn and flew at a height of 800 feet. It then made a left hand turn, got into a spin and fell.

The petrol tank burst and caught alight through the machine striking the ground and not in the course of descent.

He could not account for the accident. It was



Albert Payne.

stated that the engine was examined before the machine left the ground and was perfectly satisfactory.

On January 25, Albert Payne's funeral took place at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery in Barry. Eight officers and about 40 men from the Lancashire Fusiliers and about 50 officers and men from the RFC attended.

The body was conveyed on a carriage and covered by the Union Jack and a wealth of floral tributes from comrades and friends. Among the numerous wreaths was one from the officers of the School of Instruction, Hendon.

On April 19, 1918 it was reported that a Barry airman had been decorated for his service: *Serjeant-Major TJ Huxter of the Royal Air Forces in Palestine, who was mentioned in General Murray's despatches, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.*

When an apprentice at the Barry Railway Locomotive Works, he joined the Royal Field Artillery at the



Roy Angus.

commencement of the war, when only 18 years of age. He was subsequently transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, and sent to Egypt in 1915, being last year promoted to the charge of one of the aeroplane depots in Cairo, as technical serjeant-major.

He is the son of Mr and Mrs R. Huxter, 17 Guthrie-street, Barry Docks, and has been mentioned in the honours list by the King.

Lieutenant Roy William Angus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F W J Angus, manager of the Labour Exchange, Newport, and nephew of the late Colonel J R Angus, South Wales Borderers, were all formerly of Barry.

Roy Angus had lived at 74, Princes Street in Barry and was killed aged 23 on August 13, 1918, while flying an FE2b with 148 Squadron when it failed to pull out of a test spin and crashed.

The observer, Air Mechanic 1st Class GW King was also killed. Angus was buried in Pernes British Cemetery in France.

These men are worthy



An FE2b aircraft, the type flown by Lieutenant Roy Angus when he had his fatal accident.

of remembrance for their heroism in fighting a war high up in the air, where the chances of survival, if aircrew or machine were hit by enemy bullets or shrapnel, were slim.

Fire was the constant concern.

To be thousands of feet above the earth with a fire breaking out would usually mean a terrifying death long before the safety of the aerodrome could be reached. Parachutes were not issued to pilots of the RFC, though the question was considered many times.

It was felt that doing so might impair the fighting spirit of the pilot or that the speed of a descending aircraft would not permit proper deployment of the parachute.

Thus, when an engine stopped some 8,000 feet from the ground, all most pilots and observers could do was wait for the five minutes it took to fall in a near-vertical spin towards the ground and hope that a

miracle would occur.

We will remember them.

Dr Jonathan Hicks is the author of 'this tribute article. His latest book, *Wales and the First Air War 1914-1918*, was published by Y Lolfa on October 30.

Details of his other books are below. Please contact him via www.jonathanhicks.co.uk if you have any information related to his current research

projects: Wales and the last 100 Days of 1918.

The Welsh sailors of The Great War 1914-1918.

Other books by Dr J Hicks: *The Welsh at Mametz Wood, the Somme 1916* – published April 2016.

The Welsh at Passchendaele 1917 published April 2017.

First World War crime fiction: *The Dead of Mametz and Demons Walk Among Us*.

Commemoration Service

Sunday 12th November 2017

10.20am Parade assembly near Cowbridge Town Hall
March to War Memorial
11.00am 2 Minute Silence & Wreath Laying
Parade Marches to Holy Cross Church
Special Day's Commemoration Service
Return to Town Hall for "The Salute & The Drums"
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Please show your support
All welcome at the Special Day's Service
"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

'Remember those who defend us'

THIS Sunday, we will all take a moment to reflect and pay our respects to those who have given their lives in conflicts, both past and present.

I recently had the pleasure of joining the team at Cowbridge Quilters while they sewed their memorial blanket embroidered with the names of all the town's fallen in WWI.

We also have the lamppost display along High Street and both are poignant reminders of the ultimate sacrifice our brave servicemen and women make.

Elsewhere in the Vale,

services will take place in towns and villages and all will be well attended.

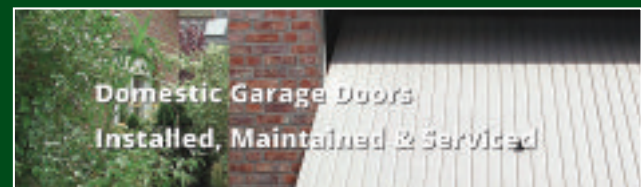
It is absolutely right that they are to commemorate the fallen. It is not about celebrating conflict – it is about remembering those who have fought to defend our freedoms.

As we reflect on the centenary of the First World War and, indeed, all wars before and since, let's all join together and remember those whose bravery has not only kept us safe, but also defended our freedoms, values and way of life.

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How the men who built Barry tackled an unglamorous but essential infrastructure problem

LOCAL historian Laurie Owen continues his look at the history of Barry – in particular the logistical challenges faced by the people who built the town.

It was, it must be remembered, rare for a town to expand as quickly as Barry did between 1890 and 1905.

This weeks, he looks at an unglamorous but essential piece of infrastructure – sewers.

IN 1858, following the 'Great Stink' coming off the polluted Thames, politicians were forced to construct a proper sewage network in London and this in time led to other towns and cities realising the importance of a good method of waste disposal.

The 1875 Public Health Act had stipulated that all new sewers were publicly owned by the Local Board and all new housing must have self-contained sanitation and water services.

It should be remembered that in the 1880s, water was still being collected from springs, wells, brooks, streams and rivers, or from pumps strategically placed around the district.

The arrival of thousands of new residents in 1884 and beyond naturally led to massive waste management issues and urgent action was desperately needed, but it would be four years before the Local Board was established. Then securing the land and creating the plans meant a further year elapsed before the initial process could begin.

While the act of dealing with this natural, daily function would not be new to them, the sheer number of total strangers packed tightly together would surely have had a major impact on them.

With no proper sanitary system, a 'closet' at the bottom of the garden consisted of a wooden seat with a round hole, located over a large void linked to an existing cesspool. Several houses

would drain into the same cesspool, with human waste often overflowing down streets into the brooks, streams and rivers. A more private alternative was an 'earth closet' outside the back door, with a metal container or pan under the seat to collect the waste, then a covering of dried earth or ashes to mask the smell. Prior to the arrival of drainage and sewers, the householder would empty the contents of their soil pan wherever they deemed fit.

The earth closet was the 1873 invention of Henry Moule, a vicar in Dorset who patented a version with a handle which, when turned, delivered a fixed amount of earth. The vicar was convinced that poor sanitation and contaminated water led to the spread of cholera and described cesspools as 'an unnatural abomination'. Some very influential people, including the vicar, said this earth mixture after breaking down could be used as garden fertiliser and the lower classes often used it again.

It seems quite likely that Board members, being mainly successful businessmen or professionals would have had earth closets with a handle and servants to dispose of the waste.

In August 1889, a public inquiry was held by the Local Government Board Inspector to sanction a loan of £22,000, repayable over 30 years to carry out the drainage and sewerage works for Cadoxton and part of Barry Dock.

Present were representatives of the landowners Lords Windsor and Wimborne and the Wenioe Castle estate, together with Local Board members: JC Meggitt, Reverend Allen, ED Jones, John Robinson, W Thomas (Hayes), PJ O'Donnell and officers JA Hughes, JC Pardoe and George Neale MOH.

Engineer Charles Walker presented two plans: the 'eastern' outfall at the foot of Sully breakwater, to cover Cadoxton and part of Barry Dock and the 'western' from the main Police Station to St Nicholas parish church in East Barry, which would drain into Barry Harbour. The first covered an area of about 640 acres, with houses having increased from 80 in 1884 to 697 in 1888.

The western section totalled about 450 acres and already had the existing Holton Sewer on Wenioe Castle land, which had drained most of the district into Barry Harbour, before the Local

Board had been formed. There was also another sewer system, 'complete with manholes, ventilators and straight lines' with a separate outfall into the sea. Constructed in 1885, this serviced 300 houses in East Barry built by TA Walker, further illustrating the progressive nature of the Docks contractor. These systems would be purchased at a later date.

Dr Treharne worried that the 'disgraceful and dangerous' open sewers near Cadoxton Hotel and Weston Farm could lead to his patients contracting typhoid fever. Another spoke of 'soil pans' being too small, so that when the scavenger emptied them onto his cart the overflow would be left behind, causing annoyance and distress.

Cadoxton already had roughly 7,000 residents in houses with badly constructed drains emptying into cesspools which overflowed after rainfall, causing a disgusting stench and injurious to health.

With so many such incidents and daily evidence of dreadful conditions, Board members had been shocked and frustrated to find that work would be delayed for seven months until the Board of Trade gave their consent for the outfall sewers.

In the meantime, homes were being built at an alarming rate by many different builders, with no means yet in place for waste disposal and Cadoxton Brook was in a disgusting state, with new houses draining into it.

Members were told that 300 houses near the main Police Station would soon be occupied and often with two families in each, it was estimated that eight sewage carts would be needed just to remove their daily waste.

WR Parker of Penarth began constructing the eastern system in the summer of 1890, covering a distance of 10 miles.

Just one year later, the chairman of the Local Board JC Meggitt and the engineer CR Walker proudly opened the Cadoxton Sewerage Works. A large crowd of important people attended the ceremony and accompanied the officials from Weston Bridge across the Moors to the outfall near Bendrick Rocks, a total of 4,384 feet. Costing £20,000, it could service a population of up to 40,000, but still only covered one half of the whole district.

The next stage was to connect to individual houses.

The Barry and

Cadoxton Ratepayers' Protection Association were very critical of the Local Board in April 1891, deeming them incapable of 'grappling with the extraordinary speed of growth' over the last few years. To an outsider looking on, this seemed harsh given their own use of 'extraordinary' and the fact that the new system was soon to be operational.

Most of their complaints revolved around Holton, with 'thick, foul and discoloured water, streams of filth and pools of excrement' in the back lanes and roads. Some closet pans had not been emptied for a month and when a frustrated Inspector of Nuisances told a woman to empty her own pan, cries of "shame" rang out in the meeting.

Credit was however given to the Board for connecting some closets to the sewer, thereby doing away with the soil pan system.

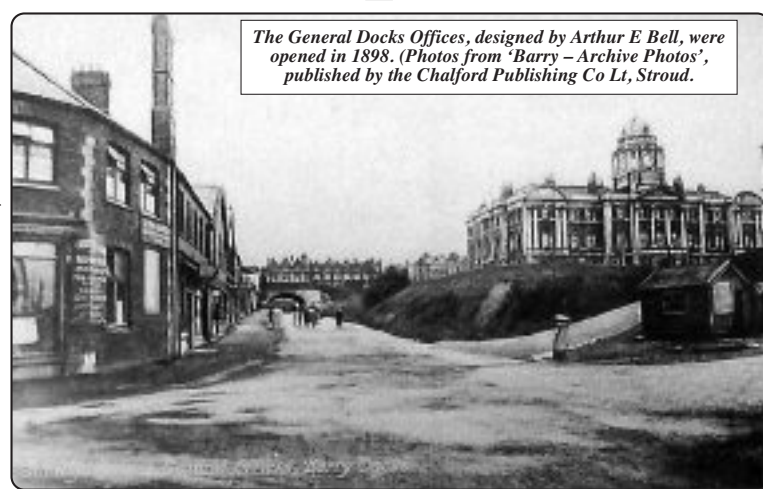
In October 1891 it was agreed that public urinals should be erected opposite the Royal Hotel, at the bottom of Vere Street and Island Road, but not near the Police Station because of the school.

You would think that many of the Board's problems had now been resolved, but they had great difficulty educating the public and encouraging them to adapt to new ideas.

A circular was sent to householders asking them not to 'thrust rags, bottles and tins' down the cisterns, and reports of donkey remains being found in a cesspool in Gueret Street highlighted the task involved.

Dr O'Donnell condemned the practice of connecting water closets to cesspools and consistently pushed for each house to have 'flushing apparatus', in an effort to keep the sewers clean. Engineer John Robinson stressed that cesspools were only supposed to take house drainage. Dr Neale thought residents could flush with slop water and chairman JC Meggitt advised that flushing apparatus should not be compulsory, as the Board was in a 'condition of impecuniosity'.

The MOH Dr George Neale reported in July that there were 16 cases of scarlet fever and three of typhoid, with two of those at Palmerstown, caused by the stench of night soil being tipped near the houses. Although the local by-law stipulated that water must be supplied to water closets, only one per cent of houses had water for



The General Docks Offices, designed by Arthur E Bell, were opened in 1898. (Photos from 'Barry - Archive Photos', published by the Chalford Publishing Co Lt, Stroud.

flushing.

Above the seat was a tank filled with water and by pulling the chain attached to it, the waste would be flushed into the drain and on to the sewer.

This system was still in place in our outside toilet as we grew up in the 1940s.

Following lengthy discussions on the subject, in the autumn of 1891 in a phrase which today would cause a smile, the Local Board 'passed a motion to enforce the flushing of water closets' in all properties. As most homes were rented, the £5 cost would fall on landlords and the following year, a petition signed by 100 property owners and ratepayers was presented to the Local Board, condemning this compulsory action and asking for more time.

They were given until May 1893 to comply, but even then the Inspector of Nuisances reported that after examining the whole district, 1,614 notices were served on the subject of flushing, with many people still not cooperating.

HR Paul of Thompson Street and Morgan Bros of Vere Street advertised 'flushing cisterns' and 'flushing tanks', supplied and fixed at the lowest prices.

The western sewer system did not follow on as soon as residents might have expected.

An article in September 1892, described how there were three existing outfalls draining into Barry Harbour: the public Holton sewer; the private one belonging to the Docks and Railway Company; and the one recently constructed by Lord Windsor to drain Barry Island.

The Board of Trade confirmed that the Local Board had an obligation to the latter two and following lengthy discussions, agreement



ABOVE: No. 2 dock with pitwood, perhaps from Canada, being uploaded c. 1910.

was reached. An outfall for the Docks Company would be provided in the new works, with the Barry Island sewer to be included once 300 houses had been built thereon.

It was interesting to read that the Board of Trade insisted the Docks Company must maintain and keep Barry Harbour as a 'harbour of refuge' which must be 'kept clear'.

Finally in August 1893, work began on the 'western' sewer system, initially employing 90 men increasing to 150.

The following summer, W Thomas, the chairman of the Public Works Committee and the engineer CR Walker, officially opened the sewerage works from Barry to Cold Knap.

Constructed to dispose of the waste of Holton and Barry, the ceremony began with 'turning the valve' at the main junction in Dock View Road.

The new works comprised 1,500 yards of brick sewer from Island Road along Barry Dock Road (Broad Street), past the Barry Hotel and station to Harbour Road, along the Parade, then across fields to the foreshore at Cold Knap Point. Sewage would now be carried well out into the tideway of the

Channel, with branch pipes from existing sewers of the Barry Castle Valley and Barry Island, built into this one outfall. Given the stipulation regarding 300 houses having to be built on Barry Island, this last statement was a contradiction.

In parts it was 20 to 50 feet below the surface, with rock at the sea-end extremely hard and because it was below the high-water mark, work was interrupted by the tides. George Ruter was congratulated for overcoming the many obstacles and completing the work on time at a cost of £13,000.

An article in the press recorded how the existing sewer had emptied into Barry Harbour and was 'a source of annoyance to the public walking along the otherwise pleasant pathway leading to Barry Island'. The new outfall being '1.25 miles beyond the harbour' would remove that 'annoyance'.

Board members and councillors gave up their time with no remuneration, rarely receiving anything but criticism, so the following independent comments should have reminded some people how lucky they were.

The Barry Dock News described how the local board had shown the 'greatest and most creditable activity in three struggling villages into one compact and well-ordered town of roughly 15,000 residents'. A later magazine article suggested that Barry was one of the 'best sanitary towns in the kingdom or at least in the principality', having spent about £40,000 on sewerage works with almost all houses now connected.

In November 1896, the Sanitary Inspector reported that 3,057 houses had flushing tanks but 852 were still without.

Of interest to some readers of this story, was the borrowing of £100 to erect two tall sewer ventilating shafts at Park Crescent and St Nicholas Road and they can still be seen opposite Castle Street and on the corner of Miskin Street.

'Chamber pots' were a great help at that time and as we grew up in the 1940s, the crockery pots were still present under the bed in case of emergency, though only of the liquid variety. After the War, our outside toilets still had ventilation, in the door making it very cold; and after dark it was a scary place for young children.

Capturing all the sights and sounds when thousands of runners set off around Cardiff

THE Cardiff Half Marathon is now a fixture in the running and charity challenge calendar and this year was no different, with thousand taking part on the annual run around the city!



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Going loco... in Barry

AS a youngster, many, many years ago now, my mother often took my sister Valerie and me to Barry Island.

We would catch the train in Cardiff for the short journey; and looking through the 96 pages and the 180 illustrations of the rusting trains and – not being a railway buff – I wondered if any of those locomotives could have taken us on those memorable trips to the sea-side all those years ago.

The author of *Barry Scrap Yard* (Amberley Books at £14.99) Keith W Platt made his first visit to Woodham's scrapyard, Barry in the late 1960s at a time when steam locomotives could still be seen on the national network, going about the everyday business of working goods and passenger trains.

With the final withdrawal of steam operations, he began to make more visits to Barry as it became the very last bastion of British Railway's steam locomotives.

Keith sought to record, on slide film, the images of locomotives and the photos taken on those trips inadvertently reveal the gradual blossoming of the preservation movement.

The number of locomotives in the yard shrank – not because they had been cut up, but because they had been sold to individuals and societies. They had been removed to one of the many preservation sites and steam railways and have become the backbone of the heritage railway preservation movement in this country.

It's hard to believe, seeing the shape some of those locomotives were in, that some of them have been fully restored to working order. Railway buffs will love this 'labour of love' book.

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Looking back at the Cardiff Half Marathon – where local runners run with the best

THE recent Cardiff Half Marathon was as popular and ever and, as usual, runners from the Vale and Bridgend county borough (The GEM's circulation area) were out in force.

While the highly-trained star athletes led the way, thousands more runners followed in their wake!

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Out & About with The GEM

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, November 9, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes local lecturer Stella Lyons who will give an illustrated lecture on 'Secrets and Symbols in Paintings: Unlocking hidden meanings in Art'. Stella is an Arts Society accredited lecturer in the history of art and lectures widely to numerous groups in various locations.

On Thursday, November 16, the society opens its winter exhibition in Old Hall, where members' work will be on display leading up to Christmas.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on Art topics.

For more information, visit www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.

Dinas Powys Players present...

THE Vicar of Dibley will be presented by the Dinas Powys Players at the Parish Hall, Britway Road on November 9, 10 and 11 at 7.30pm.

For tickets call 02920 512868.

Tenovus Christmas fair

THIS year the Friends of Tenovus Bridgend have arranged a Christmas Fair to take place on Saturday, November 11 at Brackla Community Centre, Brackla, Bridgend.

The fair will run from 3pm-6pm, entry is £2 to include tea and coffee. There will be a wide selection of craft stalls with Christmas in mind; gifts, a raffle and cake stalls.

Also two performances from the Bridgend 'Sing With Us' Tenovus choir, at 3.30pm and 4.30pm. All money raised will go to Tenovus Cancer Care. To book a stall (for £10), call 07708 234734 or 07719 425200.

Bazaar in Barry

BARRY Uniting Church is holding a Christmas Bazaar on November 11 from 10.30am til 2pm.

We are situated on the Waterfront between the Medical Centre and Poundstretchers in the Portakabin. Entry will be £1 which will include a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit.

Various stalls will sell Christmas goods, cakes and cards, also a raffle. Please come and support us: any money taken will go towards church funds.

Wick Artists exhibit

THE Wick Group of Artists are holding their autumn exhibition on Saturday, November 11 at Wick Village Hall, Church Street, Wick, Vale of Glamorgan from 10.30am 4.30pm.

Visitors can watch the artists at work, purchase pictures in different media as well as other items of interest. Entry is adults £1, children

50p (to include tea/coffee and cake).

Twenty-five per cent of all profits to Wick Village Hall and Wick Church roof restoration.

For further information call 07941 203939.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, November 12 meet at 2pm outside St Andrew's Church in St Andrews for a Woodland Circular walk.

On Monday, November 13 meet at 11am outside All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry for a Sea View and Country Park walk.

On Wednesday, November 15 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at the Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap at 10.30am.

In Cowbridge the Coffee Shop Strollers will meet the same day at 2.30pm at the Physic Garden Fountain.

Remembrance at Lavernock

THE old former Church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock will be the setting for an hour of remembrance on Sunday, November 12 at 3pm.

Hymns, scripture and poetry readings, and a prayerful act of remembrance should help to evoke the spirit of this season of memories. There will be a warm welcome for everyone. A free car park can be found on the left of Fort Road just before the church.

For enquiries call Rev Margaret Stark on 029 20 701303.

Open Studio

WELSH artist Peter Cronin will open his studio at Elf Tree House, Llantwit Major, from Friday till Monday, November 10 to 13, between 10 am and 4pm. There will be approximately 30 original paintings on show.

For more information go to www.petercronin.org

Vale Credit Union

IF you live in the Vale of Glamorgan and are looking for a flexible saving account or affordable low interest loan with no hidden charges – perhaps a loan for electrical and white goods – the Vale Credit Union might be what you're looking for.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale (in partnership with Co-electrical) are holding an advice session on Tuesday, November 14 from 10am to 12pm at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. You will be able to speak to an adviser from Vale Credit Union; no appointment is needed, just come along and have a chat.

Call 01446 732385 for further information.

VEST for help with transport

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All you have to do to use any of these service is fill in a form: there

is no charge to join the scheme.

Come along on Tuesday, November 14 to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry between 10am and 12pm. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Woody's Lodge

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session for veterans of the Armed Forces and Emergency Services who are over 65.

Woody's Lodge is a new charity based at Royal Navy HMS Cambria at Hayes Road, Sully. The Charity's remit is to act as a social and communications hub for those who have served in the forces.

Woody's is for socialising with other veterans, solving issues such as pensions and entitlements as well as health and welfare issues.

On Tuesday, November 14 from 10am to 12pm an officer from Woody's will be at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, to chat to.

Call 01446 732385 for further information, or call Woody's Lodge on 01446 730777.

Barry Floral Society

ON Tuesday, November 14 members will be entertained by Mrs Elizabeth Gordon of Swansea with her demonstration 'A Berry, Merry Christmas', starting at 2.15pm at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry.

Neighbourhood Watch

THERE will be a public meeting to promote Neighbourhood Watch on Wednesday, November 15 at 6pm in the Llantonian Hall in Llantwit Major. All members of the public are welcome; refreshments available.

Police dog demonstration

PENCOED Town and District Twinning Association will be organising a talk and demonstration of Police dog handling in Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall on Wednesday, November 15.

This will be given by PC Mike Newman, South Wales Police. Start time is 7.30pm with a crime-themed quiz to follow! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Tickets £5, available from Mark Steer on 01443 230282, email marksteer150@gmail.com or Wendy McDonald on 01656 865633, email eric.mcdonald012@btinternet.com.

Cowbridge RBL AGM

THE AGM of the Cowbridge and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held at 7pm on Thursday, November 16 in the Duke of Wellington. All branch members should attend this meeting and interested non-members will also be welcome.

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Llantwit Major around 1905.



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A L O C A L historian, Brian Keitch of Penarth, recently discovered a number of fascinating old photographs of the area – taken by a relative more than 100 years ago!

Brian explained: "Over 100 years ago, my great grandfather, John Lewis, lived in the Penarth area and was a very keen photographer. "A collection of the glass plates he took circa 1905 to 1910 have come down to us and provide a glimpse of what interested him all that time ago."

This week's image was taken in Llantwit Major, and it reminds us all how the old town centre has stayed very similar, while roads, of course, have changed.

Brian dates it at around 1905, and it is a striking view of St Illtud's Church and he wonders if the building on the left of the photograph is the monastic mill?

Brian's first image was of the barque *Francoise de Ambroise* seen tied up on the north side of Penarth dock.

He mentioned that he could find no record of the vessel in shipping registers, but we are delighted to say that history-minded GEM readers were able to help.

Brian reported:

Francoise de Ambroise - steel barque, 1,973 gross - 1,741 net tons. Launched 1901 by A Dubigeon of Nantes for Societe Bretonne de Navigation de Nantes.

The vessel's maiden voyage was from Swansea to San Francisco with coal. Homeward bound in 1908 from west coast of South America, rounding Cape Horn, the ship passed 141 icebergs, some of them 100 miles long.

In 1910 the ship loaded at Penarth (possibly when the photograph was taken) and in 1912 she was sold to Societe Generale d'Armement de Nantes. In 1916, while on a passage from Leith to Valparaiso, she was torpedoed by the German submarine U22 about 68 miles north west of Fair Isle.

He said: "Many thanks to David Sheen of Dinas Powys and Tony Calderbank of Barry who kindly contacted me with this fascinating information.

Also to Alan Thorne for the same information in his excellent books, *The Sail of Cardiff Bay* (2007) Volumes 1 & 2.

Choir gets ready to cheerlead for Wales



ANOTHER event in a very special year for Barry Male Voice Choir rapidly approaches.

Time is now measured in days before the Rugby International between Wales and Australia on the hallowed turf of the Principality Stadium on November 11, where the choir will be one of three choirs singing together as a part of the pre-match entertainment in front of 70,000 fans.

The strains of 'Advance Australia Fair', 'Waltzing Matilda', 'Calon Lan' and other Welsh favourites can now be heard along Aberystwyth Crescent during rehearsal.

"The excitement and adrenalin continue to rise," explained choir secretary Richard King, "resulting in some confusion with rugby balls and red jerseys appearing at rehearsal.

"The gestures of our musical director Dot Connell to ensure correct entries during singing have been confused with lineup calls.

"It's been difficult to keep lineup ace Martin Harries on the ground. Choristers discuss high notes and high balls as they sip their interval tea.

"Several – mainly tenors – insist that they used to be as skilful as Liam Williams in their younger days! The bass section very much doubt

these claims. "2017 will certainly rank among the best in the choir's 115 years history," added choir chairman Gareth Roberts.

"A never-to-be-forgotten visit to the Ypres battlefields in June and now the appearance of the choir at the Principality Stadium is a reflection of the choir's growth, stature and growing reputation. The match will be a very proud occasion for us all.

"We will all give of our best and cherish the moments made possible by the unwavering efforts of Dot Connell and accompanists Emma Arscott and James Bull."

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THE ALL-NEW GOLDEN MILE IS A FINE ADDITION TO LOCAL DINING SCENE

THE Golden Mile in Corntown has new owners and is now up and running after an extensive refit offering a wide-ranging menu of "upmarket pub grub".

That's new owner Liz Lewis's description and it's spot on. She and her husband Matthew recently bought the pub and set about transforming it.

In recent years, a series of tenants have struggled to make the pub work. The difficulties of running a business owned by one of the pub chains have been cited, but The Golden Mile is now a free house – entirely under Liz and Matthew's control.

The GEM visited on a Thursday evening, and it was encouraging to find a busy pub bar – and the majority of tables in the restaurant occupied. Considering they have been open for two months, word of mouth has been doing a good job.

With eight starters on offer (two vegetarian) there was plenty of choice. I chose the sautéed wild mushrooms served on toasted sourdough and the generous portion was reassuring, as was the flavour of a dish that really enjoyable.

My guest chose the 'chorizo Iberico hash with poached hen's egg and pepper mayonnaise' and again, along came a generous portion. Not a hash in the sense either of us expected, it was made up of pieces of spicy chorizo and (a lot of) mini potatoes, covered in an excellent sauce, with the egg and mayonnaise providing variety.

Moving on to the extensive main course menu, it took a while to decide, but I was delighted with my choice – the 'rabbit casserole with sage and apple dumplings and a Glamorgan cider sauce'.

This was real quality comfort food, with generous



The restaurant at the Golden Mile.

hunks of rabbit, and the dumplings brought back memories of family meals in times gone by!

The rabbit had been my second choice, but my guest picked the dish I had pencilled in – a 'Duo of pork, free range pressed pork belly with pork tenderloin, roast heritage carrots, black pudding crumbs, parmentier potatoes and pork jus'.

Obviously, you can't do a restaurant review and

have the same meal, but I did get to try the pork tenderloin, which was, indeed, tender and juicy and full of flavour.

Oddly enough, the pork belly disappeared rather quickly, and she was delighted with the mix of flavours, with the black pudding crumbs working well with the pork.

Her only complaint was that there were too many

potatoes. It's easy to say that you should leave them but if they are tasty, that's not so simple.

The nett result of this was that when it came to choosing a dessert, we were both a bit full, forcing us to rule out a very tempting sticky toffee pudding, not to mention the fried donut sundae!

My guest went for the 'Lemon Crunch' – a layered dessert featuring lemon curd, Italian meringue, blackcurrant creme and poppy seed shortbread. This was excellent and the contrasting flavours made it a real treat.

I went for the Turkish delight creme brulee with home-made shortbread, and I was intrigued to see how this would work out. In fact, and perhaps the menu was a little misleading, it turned out to be a creme brulee with two pieces of Turkish delight on the side, along with the shortbread.. It was, however, a sumptuously good creme brulee!

On the evidence of this meal, The Golden Mile should be an excellent addition to the dining scene in the Vale and Bridgend.

There is a tempting sandwich menu available between noon and 5pm, but anyone eating from the full menu can expect to pay between £20 and £27 for a three-course meal, not including drinks, although you should add around a fiver if you fancy one of their steaks.

The generous portion sizes, of course, could leave you quite content with two courses!

There's an extensive wine list, with bottles starting at £14.95, and then moving upwards, offering a very good choice.

Sunday lunches are popular, and they are offering three sittings already, so the signs are all positive for a pub/restaurant that is making a welcome return to the dining scene!

Rugby club welcomes the community for a fun-packed Bonfire Night as Llantwit Major comes out to enjoy the fireworks display

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You can, of course, buy fireworks and set them off in your back garden but there is nothing quite like a full-blown firework display – and that's what locals enjoyed at Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club on Bonfire Night.

The weather was cold, but there was hot food and, in the picture (bottom left) you could defy the health and safety brigade and live life on the edge by lighting up some sparklers!





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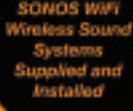
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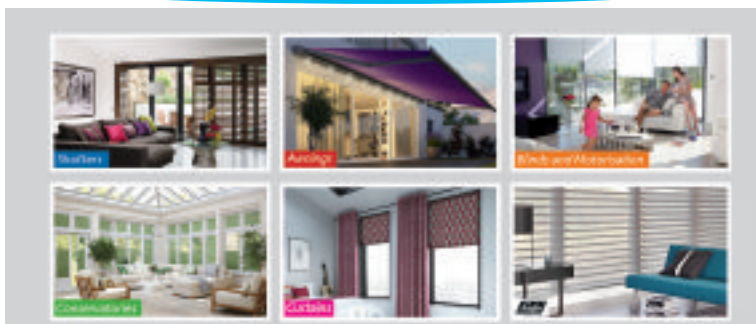
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He will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, November 17th at 2.45pm.

No flowers by request. Donations to be announced at Llantwit Major Rugby Club.

ROBERTS

Pamela June (Née Rees)

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at Holme Towers, Penarth on October 27th, aged 80. Pamela of Aberthin, previously Port Talbot. Devoted wife of the late John Gwilym and retired headteacher at Bryn Hafren, Barry.

Resting at Thomas Brothers until the funeral on Tuesday, November 14th, service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon.

Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Marie Curie, Holme Towers.

GOULD

Rhys Cory

Peacefully passed away on Friday, 27th October at Charing Cross Hospital, London aged 31. Rhys, much loved son of Amanda and John, loving brother to Rhiannon and Tom, dearly loved grandson of Margaret (Greenwood).

Rhys will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

The funeral will be held on Friday, 17th November 12 Noon at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only. Donations to be made in Rhys's name c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoe, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545, which will be passed on to the appropriate research charities or through the Just Giving page set up in Rhys's memory www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rhyscorygould

DAVIES

Charmaine

Peacefully passed away on the 5th November, 2017. Much loved and missed by mother Julia, husband Geraint and children Ryan and Amy.

Funeral to take place at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Monday, 20th November at 1pm, followed by private family interment.

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PRATT

Betty Mabel

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Betty will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at A J Stone & William Ham Funeral Home, 1a Neville Street, Canton, Cardiff, CF11 6LP, until her funeral service on Tuesday, 14th November at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 4pm. Family Flowers only, donations, if so desired, to Multiple Sclerosis Society, care of the funeral home.

BUMFORD

Gloria 'Nancy'

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Nancy will be sorely missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium Barry on Tuesday, 14 November at 11am, where family and friends may meet. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for The British Heart Foundation.

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Nancy Elizabeth (Née Thurston)

Sadly on Saturday, 28th October at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Nancy, beloved wife of the late Andrew, mam to Russell, Denise, Leighton, Andrea and Annetta, much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Thursday, 16th November, service 10.30am at St. Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Alzheimers Society.

HEMLOCK

Richard 'Richie'

Peacefully after a short illness on October 31st at UHW Heath Cardiff, surrounded by his loving family. Richie, aged 81yrs, devoted husband to Mary. Cherished father to Alison and Susie and son-in-law Paul. Adored grandfather and great grandfather to Aaron, Sophie, Caitlin, Paige, Christopher and Chloe.

Richie will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew him.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service at St Helen's Church, Wyndham Street on Friday, 17th November at 10.30am, followed by a short ceremony at Barry Crematorium, Port Road at 12 noon. Friends are invited to join the family at the Sea View Labour Club for refreshments and to share memories of Richie. Flowers welcome to A.G. Adams or donations in lieu to UHW Renal Unit, Ward B5 North.

DIDCOTE

Patricia Dorothy (Trish)

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Best Bib, and tucker, at the Hare and Hounds, Aberthin



ABOVE: Vale MP Alun Cairns with Sara and Tom Watts-Jones and general manager, Alex Howells.

ABERTHIN public house, **The Hare & Hounds**, has been awarded a **Bib Gourmand** by **The Michelin Guide Great Britain & Ireland 2018**.

The award recognises the Michelin Guide critics' personal favourite 'good, small, affordably priced establishments'.

The pub's head chef, Tom Watts-Jones, explained: "We were informed after the Bib was announced that the critics attended the restaurant on multiple occasions, but we were not aware when they were visiting."

"We are not a pretentious fine dining establishment – we strive to serve good food sourced from the region and prepared from scratch in our kitchen."

This award came in the same week that Hare & Hounds was crowned the Welsh winner of the 2017 'Best Roast Dinner' competition.

Continuing this very successful month for the pub, it has been announced that Mr Watts-Jones has been nominated for 'Pub Chef of the Year Award' by Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns.

The Member of Parliament this week visited the

CMDC comes to Penarth

A MUCH-travelled choir makes one of its rare appearances in this part of south Wales later this month.

Côr Meibion De Cymru (CMDC), also known as the South Wales Male Choir, returns to All Saints' Church in Penarth on Saturday, November 18 (7.30pm) for a concert in its own inimitable style.

With a strength of over 70 voices, the choir has toured extensively on the continent of Europe as far east as Estonia and Russia and throughout America, Canada and Australia.

One of the choir's four rehearsal groups is based in Fairwater, Cardiff, with members drawn from nearby cities and towns and from over the Severn Bridge into Bristol.

Conductor Elaine Robins hails from Cefneithin and accompanist Sian Gwawr Davies is the daughter of the late Rhondda Valley

pianist, Bryan Davies.

The programme contains favourites old and new in English and in Welsh, songs from the shows and special arrangements written for the forthcoming Festival of Male Chorus to take place in London's Royal Albert Hall next May, when the choir will be playing a leading rôle.

Also taking part in the Penarth concert will be a local children's choir and ladies' singing group Vocelle.

Tickets at £10 are available from secretary John Rees Davies 01446 7 4 6 3 8 7, john.davies47@ntlworld.com, or group chairman Don Surridge 01446 7 3 5 4 3 7 don.surridge@ntlworld.com.

CMDC is always on the lookout for new members. Come to the concert, stay on afterwards and have a word with one of our friendly choristers. There is no audition involved. We just love to sing.

Barri Hurford

pub to congratulate the staff on receiving the award and to discuss the chef's nomination.

He said: "With so many stories in the national press regarding the regretful decline of the pub industry, it is fantastic to hear of this local pub thriving and building on its already considerable success."

"Speaking to Tom, Sarah and Alex it was clear how passionate they are about offering the very best service to their customers."

"I am delighted that they have received this much deserved recognition by Michelin and wish them the very best for the pub's future."

Coastal talk enthralls Barry Men's Forum

THE Barry Men's Forum welcomed a return visit recently from Rosemary Scadden giving a talk (and aided by superb graphics) about the Welsh coastline from Chepstow to Nash Point, a distance of some 50 miles.

The talk commenced at Plynlimon in central Wales, following the route of the River Severn to Beachley. The river is regarded as the longest river in Great Britain, passing through numerous counties including Powys, Shropshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, before entering the Severn Estuary at Beachley.

The estuary has many notable features such as the old railway bridge which crossed from Lydney to Sharpness, but it was destroyed by two barges in the 1960s colliding on the river, the two Severn bridges and the Severn railway tunnel which opened in 1886.

At Sudbrook, there is a pumping station which extracts 10 million gallons of water a day from the tunnel supplying pure water for

Britain's largest brewery at Magor.

At Newport, there is the Transporter Bridge, coupled with the excavation of a medieval boat found on the mudflats of the River Usk which is at present under restoration, but is awaiting further funding for work to progress. The development of the Cardiff Bay Barrage was completed in 1999, as was the medieval settlement at Cosmeston in 1987.

Highlighted was the site of the first radio transmission over water at Lavernock by Guglielmo Marconi in 1897.

The talk ended with a short history of the hospital at Sully, famous for its pioneering work on the eradication of TB and on open-heart surgery during the late 1960s.

At the meeting, two new members were welcomed, Tony Jones and Roger Griffith Jones – no relation.

New members are always welcomed, point of contact being Mac Tanner on 01446 743455, and the next speaker will be Don Curtis on the Air Ambulance Service.

Paul Gilbertson

THE POTTED GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

Winter herbs

WINTER stews and soups taste so much better with fresh herbs, so having them to hand in the garden or on the patio throughout the winter is a delight.

You can easily grow a selection of evergreen perennial herbs outside in containers during the winter months, so long as they get a bit of sun.

Some herbs such as tarragon and mint die back in winter, but the more hardy ones such as rosemary, sage, thyme and lavender will look after themselves if placed where they cannot be frozen, saturated by rain or allowed to become too dry.

You can grow herbs in pots together but don't put herbs that like plenty of water such as chives, mint and coriander with those that like well-drained soil such as rosemary, sage, thyme and bay.

It's also a good idea to choose herbs of a similar size for the same pot. A large rosemary will overshadow a small thyme plant. Both rosemary and bay can grow to a good height and become a feature planting in the garden.

Here are some tips from the Royal Horticultural Society on growing winter herbs:

Remember that plants grow very little in winter, so make sure you start with good-sized plants and use sufficient numbers of plants for the size of container to make an impact from the start

Position your container where it will get as much light as possible during the winter months to ensure plant foliage remains green and healthy

Water containers carefully in winter, making sure you check the compost regularly as it can soon dry out in mild spells. Smaller plants are more



Rosemary – Photo by Manuela Böhm on Unsplash.

susceptible to over- or under-watering

It is not necessary to feed container plants during the winter.

Raise containers off the ground on pot feet or bricks to aid drainage and help prevent the freezing conditions that cause pots to crack.

Choose frost-proof terracotta or containers made of plastic, fibreglass or wood. Bubble wrap containers in severe weather to reduce damage to plant roots.

When it comes to picking your herbs, just remember that the plants won't be doing much in the way of new growth over the winter months, so you should be careful how much you use.

However tasty or aromatic, don't take so much that the plant can't keep itself alive.

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A CAST OF THOUSANDS... The love life of lugworms



This photo shows lugworm casts.
Image by Nick Veitch.

Welsh Butcher of the Year competition closes November 9

A HUNT has been launched to find the butcher who is top of the chops and a cut above the rest in Wales.

The Welsh Butcher of the Year contest will take centre stage at this year's Royal Welsh Winter Fair in Builth Wells on November 27. Entries close at 5pm on November 9.

Sponsored by Cambrian Training Company, Hybu Cig Cymru/Meat Promotion Wales and the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, the contest is held in the Carcass Hall at the Royal Welsh Showground.

The finalists, who must work or live in Wales, will be chosen from their applications and they will face a true test of their butchery skills over three tasks, using Welsh beef, lamb, pork and British chicken.

A panel of judges will be looking for new, creative ideas and the finalists will be scored for their cutting technique, added value, display techniques and maximum carcass yield.

The competition is a

stepping stone to UK-wide competitions, with the winner having the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of talented butchers like Peter Rushforth and Matthew Edwards, who have both represented the UK and won the Butchery WorldSkills UK National Competition.

Apart from having the kudos of being named Wales' best butcher, the winner will receive a cheque for £130, while the runner-up will receive £70 and all four finalists will receive a trophy.

If you know of a butcher in Bridgend or the Vale that you think deserves recognition, then download the application form at www.cambriantraining.co.uk/competitions.

The completed form must be sent to Katie George, Welsh Butchers Competition, Cambrian Training Company, Tŷ Cambrian, Unit 10 Offas Dyke Business Park, Fisher Road, Buttington, Welshpool, SY21 8JF by 5pm on November 9.

AM's Hebron Hall visit

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies yesterday visited Hebron Hall in Dinas Powys – to discuss care needs in the Vale.

Mr Davies was given a tour of the centre by general manager Jeff Lacey, assistant general manager Peter Robertson and trustee Brian West.

The hall has a number of community facilities – including a recently refurbished swimming pool – as well as residential care.

The residents' ages range from 78-100.

Mr Davies said: "It was a real pleasure to visit Hebron Hall – and learn more about the care facilities they have on offer.

"Meeting our care needs is a huge political topic – and it was great to have the chance to learn more about the pressures they are under – as well as the support available.

"I'd like to thank Jeff, Peter and Brian for taking the time out of their busy schedules to meet – and host me for what was an informative visit."

LOVE is in the air again this year along our coastlines and the Marine Conservation Society needs GEM readers to help keep an eye out for signs of passion in the lugworm population.

The lugworm, *Arenicola marina*, is a vital source of food for wader birds and fish as well as playing a key role in fisheries as a source of bait.

Volunteers are being asked to keep an eye out for any signs of love within the lugworm population on sandy shores around the UK.

This species spends its life in a burrow in the sediment so opportunities to meet a mate are limited. Instead, the males release sperm which collects in 'puddles' on the surface of the beach. When the tide comes in, the sperm is washed down into the burrows of the females and fertilises their eggs.

Not a lot is known about the process – all that we do know is that specific environmental conditions are needed to trigger the release of the sperm and the egg at the same time. So scientists are calling on members of the public to join them as 'citizen scientists' to help fill in the knowledge gaps.

The Spermwatch project, led by the University of Portsmouth, is part of a wider conservation project called Capturing Our Coast (CoCoast) funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is a partnership led by Newcastle University including Portsmouth, Bangor and Hull Universities, Marine Conservation Society, Marine Biological Association, Scottish Association of Marine Sciences and Earthwatch Europe.

Zoe Morrall, CoCoast Project Officer at the University of Portsmouth's, Institute of Marine

Sciences, said: "Not a lot is known about lugworm reproduction and it is fascinating how the entire population of a species spawn, just for a few days every year, only when the environmental conditions are perfect.

"By continuing last year's study, and adding temperature data loggers to some sites it means we can better understand which conditions are important for a spawning event. We will also be able to understand how climate change may affect these events. By going out for a walk on any sandy beach across the UK, members of the public can get involved and help us answer these questions."

The Marine Conservation Society CoCoast Hub will be holding a free, open to all event, in collaboration with Beach Academy Wales, at Omore-by-Sea on Sunday, October 22. Meet them at the Pen-y-Bont SLSC at 1.30pm, before heading onto the shore to complete a Spermwatch survey.

Leonie Richardson, CoCoast Project Officer for the Marine Conservation Society, said: "If you want to be involved in a simple beach-walk survey that contributes to some intriguing scientific research, Spermwatch is for you. Even if you can only survey once or twice, each record provides valuable information to help piece together the puzzle of when these elusive marine worms breed and what environmental factors might trigger them to spawn."

The study started on October 22 and runs until December 1, and people are asked to collect data every three days from one of 12 different sites around the UK. It should take around 45 minutes and it is an ideal way to take part in 'hands-on' science while just walking along a beach – all you have to do is download an instruction book from www.capturingourcoast.co.uk/specific-information/spermwatch and get recording.

Travelodge eyeing hotel deals with Vale and Bridgend county councils

TRAVELODGE, a budget hotel chain, has written to 12 local authorities across Wales in search of new partners for what a spokesperson called its "pioneering local regeneration scheme".

The authorities receiving the letter include Bridgend County Borough Council and the Vale Council. Travelodge currently operates 14 hotels across Wales.

"The letter outlines," continued the spokesperson, "the role that Travelodge plays in supporting local authorities to help support local regeneration, create jobs and boost the local economy and how it can do the same for many other local communities across Wales."

During the last three years, Travelodge has completed seven local authority development partnership deals. This includes the opening of a new Travelodge hotel in the following locations: Aylesbury, Bicester, Dudley, Eastleigh, Redhill (scheduled to open end

of 2017), Telford (opening 2018) and Thetford.

These bespoke agreements have had unique funding structures, all of which have enabled local authorities to utilise their existing assets, create jobs, generate income, and help to regenerate land in strategically important locations.

Hotels in the programme are built on surplus local authority land, with the funding provided either through the local authority's internal resource or via low-cost funding from the Public Works Loan Board or third party resources.

Upon completion of the hotel development, local authorities have the choice of either retaining ownership of the hotel and receiving an annual rent into the council's revenue budget or selling the hotel with Travelodge as its operator.

Peter Gowers, Travelodge chief executive said: "More and more local authorities are under pressure to find ways to help regenerate their historic town centres and local communities. Adding a low-cost hotel like Travelodge is an

increasingly attractive choice, as it draws visitors, creates jobs and helps boost the local economy."

"Our customers are travelling more frequently and we are opening new hotels to ensure we are in locations where they want to be. We are delighted to be working together with forward-thinking local authorities to help support their regeneration programme with the opening of a new Travelodge.

"We are looking for more sites to drive our expansion programme and today we are writing to more than 200 other local authorities, to invite them to consider how Travelodge can act as a catalyst to drive their local development agenda."

Should the region's local authorities dip their corporate toes in the hospitality pool? Is it a good use of 'surplus local authority land' and will it lead to job creation and more visitors?

The GEM would like to have your thoughts. Please write to editorial@glamorgangem.co.uk with your name and contact details.

FUW warns: 'Diesel is still important to rural communities'

GOVERNMENT moves aimed at tackling problems caused by diesel pollution should be targeted at improving technology and areas where problems exist, rather than a broad brush approach that penalises rural communities, the Farmers' Union of Wales has said.

The FUW Land Use, Livestock and Hill Farming committees agreed in separate meetings that problems identified by health experts in areas of high diesel engine use should be recognised and addressed.

"However, it's important that communities in rural areas, where individuals and businesses have no alternatives to diesel-powered vehicles, due to difficult terrain, harsh weather and similar problems, are not caught in the crossfire of moves aimed at tackling localised problems," said FUW deputy president Brian Thomas.

Ministers have identified 81 major roads in 17 towns and cities where urgent action is required to tackle air pollution in order to address human

health problems.

Despite the problem areas being concentrated in urban and city areas, many have speculated that the UK Government plans to change the tax status of all diesel cars, and could announce tax increases in the Budget this autumn.

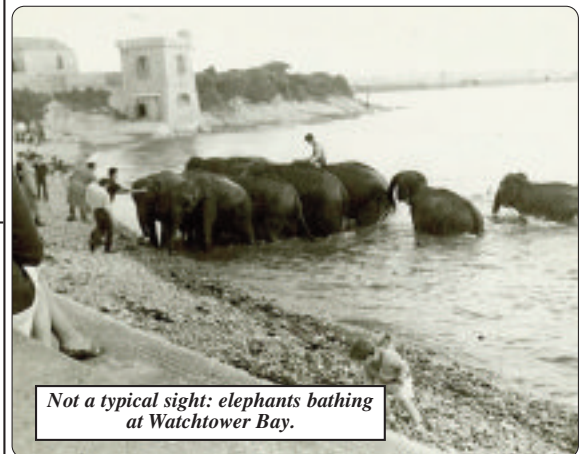
"Any blanket moves which include those taxes in areas reliant on diesel where there are no alternatives, would not only be unfair, but would fail to properly target problem areas.

"It could also effectively mean a back-door tax on rural communities where there is often no choice but to use diesel-powered vehicles and no problems exist," said Mr Thomas.

Mr Thomas said that moves which targeted problem areas and improved technology to make diesel cleaner had to be the way forward.

"Given the potential for diesel production from renewable sources to be increased alongside the development of other greener technologies, blanket moves which target diesel vehicles would be extremely short-sighted and a backwards step," he added.

'Picture the Vale' at Art Central



Not a typical sight: elephants bathing at Watchtower Bay.

AN array of 3,000 digitalised images is on display at Barry's Art Central as part of the 'Peoples Collection Wales'.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Barry Library and Art Central Gallery in Kings Square, 'Picture the Vale – Past Times' is made up of

images from library archives and from people living in the Vale.

A team of volunteers helped catalogue the images, which will be part of a collection held at the National Library in Aberystwyth. The aim is to increase Wales' 'digital footprint' by converting the images online.

The exhibition is open from 9.30am – 4.30pm and will run until Saturday, January 6.

The gallery includes

Airport wins award

THE national airport for Wales was named Best Airport (under three million passengers) at an industry awards ceremony in London last month.

The event was hosted by The Airport Operators' Association (AOA), a trade organisation founded to represent the voice of UK airports and to influence governments, regulators and opinion formers at national and international level in order to drive the industry forward.

Cardiff Airport beat off stiff competition from other UK regional airports to be named Best Airport (under three million passengers).

Roger Lewis, chairman of Cardiff Airport, said: "This is a great tribute from our airline colleagues which recognises the hard work of the team

at Cardiff Airport over this past year.

Most importantly we thank our passengers for their fantastic support. On behalf of the Board, I send our congratulations to everyone who has helped deliver this outstanding accolade."

Deb Barber, CEO of Cardiff Airport, added: "To be recognised in this way by a leading industry body really is testament to how far we have come."

Cardiff Airport also reported that direct flights between the airport and Venice start next Spring.

The announcement was made on November 2 by Flybe.

The twice-weekly service will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays from March 27 and is available for travel through to September 9.

VALE POOL LEAGUE ROUND-UP LATEST

THE Castle Dark Lords still lead the Asprou Barbers Vale Pool League.

In a much closer rerun of the previous week, the Dark Lords squeaked a 7-5 win at home. Their visitors, The Good, The Bad and The Ship travelled with a strong ensemble that included Mike Dunn, Sion Old, Matthew Nicholas and captain Graham Aviaent.

The night would belong to the Dark Lords' man of the match, Wayne Hobson, who again won all four of his matches, including a superb eight-ball clearance in his first doubles.

It was a great team performance with support from Matthew Tobin, Gareth Foxall and young Ralph Miners.

If the League handed out trophies for the best kept pub or club, then this year's winners would probably be Millwood Bowls Club. Captain Gary Williams would lead his team to a 7-5 victory against the King William IV pub of Cadostown.

All 12 frames were hotly contested and could have gone either way, as all games played were close. Millwood found themselves 3-1 down, then 6-3 up to finally win 7-5 with Nick Parry, Steve Sewell and Alan Evans, all playing superbly for the Millwood Pot Jacks.

Finnegans got back to winning ways, in the third win in the last four games for the Islanders. Finnegans started strongly against the away side, The Borough Arms, and won the first four singles. The first doubles was a close frame and the first loss of the night for the home side.

The second half of the game was a rapid comeback for the Borough, who fought hard to bring the game to a 6-6 draw and a black ball sudden death play off, with Joel Ball and Lewis Crole saving the home side with a narrow but glorious victory.

The Glenbrook Wanderers travelled to take on Billy United. First up was Rhodri Thomas, taking on Gary Roberts, who proved a bit too strong for Rhod.

Next saw Karl Marsh level with a rare win. Nick Taylor would breeze up next, he seemed too confident

and played some strange shots, gifting the game to Billy United.

Next up was Jeff Bartle taking on John Farrugia in a quick game which saw Jeff finishing well to level the match at 2-2.

In the first doubles, Marsh and Taylor would snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, with Karl somehow throwing away two shots on the black ball that was over the pocket.

The next doubles saw Rhod and Jeff take on Farrugia and Gary Roberts in a close encounter that again saw top players Bartle and Roberts both miss blacks in shots they would normally get in an error-strewn game.

The second set of singles was a bit one-sided in favour of The Billy, with Wanderers' only win coming from Bartle. The Billy now led 7-3.

The second set of doubles saw The Billy really tighten the screw and play the better match pool to take the final two frames and a deserved final score of 9-3 to the Billy United. A good result for them in their chase to another title.

The Wittich Wildcats had a great 10-2 win over O'Briens, with Steve Watkins giving them a winning start, followed by Ian Hill and Paul Everest.

The Wildcats would open up a 3-1 lead and then dominate the doubles. The score was 5-1 and they stretched their lead even further in the second set of singles to 8-2 with John Wolfenden and captain Martyn Croke winning O'Briens' only points.

For the Wildcats, Watkins, Ian Hill, Ceri Morris and Everest would all go unbeaten on the night.

The league would like to wish James Hill and Barry's number one pool player Chris Bardsley all the best next week in Porthcawl at the WPA closed singles tournament – an opportunity for our League players to shine against one of the best players in Welsh Pool.

The League would also like to say thanks to sponsors Asprou Barbers, Eze Drive Driving School and R&M Mobile Valeting.

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Local equestriennes in dressage area finals

DRESSAGE riders were out in force at Bridgend College on October 28 – 30 for the Petplan Equine Area Festival final, where classes ranged from Preliminary through to Inter 1.

The Petplan Equine Area Festival finals take place at eight top competition venues across the UK and allow riders the chance to compete under true championship-style conditions with the back-up of a supportive and friendly environment.

Competitors qualified for the Area Festival final by competing at one of the 27 Petplan Equine Area Festivals around the country, which in turn they had to qualify to compete at by achieving a minimum of two affiliated scores of 60 per cent or above at a British Dressage (BD) affiliated competition.

Class winners at the Area Festival finals will go forward for selection for the Petplan Equine Area Festival Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire in April 2018.

The horse and rider combinations posted scores high enough to win their respective classes and are now in a very strong position to reach a Petplan Equine Area Festival Championships.

Preliminary – Bronze, with 72.22 per cent: Hannah Towler on Rocky, from Bridgend. Preliminary – Silver, with 75.63 per cent was Amy Daye on Prince William mbs, also from Bridgend.

Kate Hopkins, senior marketing executive commented: "This is Petplan Equine's 19th year of sponsoring the Area Festivals giving true amateur riders a taste of the big time! We congratulate all riders who qualified for the Area Festival final at Bridgend College and hope they enjoyed their day."

To find out more about the Petplan Equine Area Festival series visit: www.petplanequine.co.uk/area-festivals.



Amy Daye and her mount Prince William mbs, winners of the Preliminary Silver class. Photo by Jasmine Punter.

YMCA Barry's young gymnasts in top form at championships

YMCA Barry's gymnasts have again demonstrated their gymnastic prowess in recent weeks.

In the annual South Central Wales Level 6 and 5 Championships held recently, YMCA Barry demonstrated its competitive squad depth.

In the Level 6 eight-year-old competition section, Emmy Saddler won third place on bars and fourth overall and Rosie Bishop became the Vault Champion and third overall.

The eight-year-old team of Ruby Clark, Melissa Cookson, Casey Moores, Emmy Saddler and Rosie Bishop became the 2017 team champions.

In one of their first competitions, Seren Doel, Stacie White, Roxy Forst and Yazmin Michael showed great maturity in the nine years and 10-11 years competition.

In the Level 5, nine-year-old category, Hana Davies was in great form, claiming second on floor and becoming the vault, bars, beam and overall champion, beating the opposition by over four clear marks. In an ever increasing standard of gymnastics in Wales, this is a huge achievement.

In the 12 years and over category, Bria Karim became the vault champion and claimed fifth overall. The team of Bria Karim, Ruby Karim and Chloe Gabb performed beautifully and won the bronze team medal.

Emmy Saddler, Rosie Bishop, Hana Davies and Bria Karim all gained places in the Welsh Finals representing South Central Wales.

Bria won second on vault and sixth on bars and helped the team gain second place. Emmy Saddler showed great courage by competing with an ankle injury to help her team and even managed to come fourth on bars. Rosie Bishop claimed joint fourth with Emmy on bars as well as fourth on bault.

As a very busy gymnastics club competing at all levels, the club also had six girls trialling for the Welsh Development Squad, for girls aged seven to nine years; Millie Williams, Rosie Bishop, Emmy Saddler, Nia Beasley, Azaria Karim and Lottie Cummins.

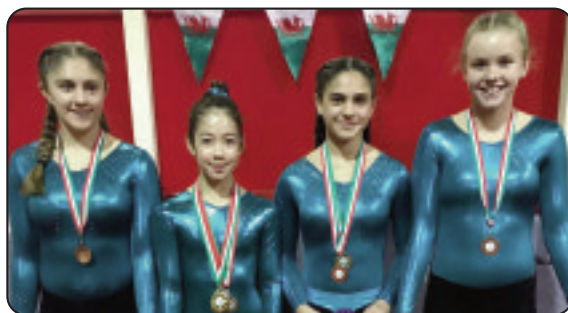
Having six gymnasts at this high level is a fantastic achievement, as only 64 gymnasts in the whole of Wales were at the level required for the squad. After many activities designed to tests the girls' gymnastics skills, strength, power, flexibility and speed, YMCA Barry are delighted to announce that Millie Williams and Azaria Karim retained their places on the prestigious squad.

The YMCA Barry gymnasts will now be working towards their last competitions of the year over the next few weeks.

Have you got a son or daughter that would like to try gymnastics? YMCA Barry caters for all abilities from toddlers to elite international gymnasts in female and male artistic gymnastics, as well as



At the Welsh Squad trial, Nia Beasley, Rosie Bishop, Emmy Saddler, Millie Williams, Azaria Karim and Lottie Cummins.



Nine years and 12 plus girls Level 5 competitors, (left to right): Ruby Karim, Hana Davies, Bria Karim and Chloe Gabb.

Eight and nine-year-old Level 6 girls, (back row, left to right): Seren Doel, Melissa Cookson, Ruby Clark, Stacie White. Front row (left to right): Casey Moores, Rosie Bishop and Emmy Saddler.



Adams holds nerve and kicks Barry Seconds to victory

Barry Seconds 22-20 Cardiff Quins Seconds

Barry Second XV returned to action hoping to revive their league fortunes after a series of difficult fixtures.

They welcomed a Cardiff Quins side who have also suffered from a difficult start to their season on a brisk and windy Saturday afternoon at Reservoir Field.

Coach Rhidian Scott was able to recall Luke Bounds, Harry Moyle, Rob Williams and Owain Poole for their first starts of the campaign, and expectations were high from a sizeable crowd.

However, things did not go the hosts' way in the opening quarter as Barry struggled to maintain possession. Indeed, it was the Quins who deservedly opened the scoring following a set move from behind the scrum.

The conversion was missed but minutes later they increased their lead when their kicker landed a successful penalty.

At 8-0 down things appeared ominous but Barry rallied and soon got back into the game.

Despite playing up the slope and against the wind, and with the sun in their eyes, the home side got to grips with the elements, opting to keep ball in hand.

A fine break by Bounds from midfield saw him with plenty of support, and after Moyle had carried on the good work, his offload found Rob Williams who crashed over for the try. Ashley Adams judged the conditions perfectly to land the conversion and reduced the deficit to one.

The momentum was now with the green-and-whites as the visiting side found it difficult to live with Barry's offloading game.

It was Moyle once again who broke the defensive line, and after a neat exchange of passes it was Adams who sprinted across the line to score near the posts. The conversion was missed but Barry were now in the lead.

More was to come and it was Moyle's back-row partner Poole who profited next, supporting the strong runners in midfield to score under the posts. The conversion was a formality and Barry were now 19-8 in front.

Poor decision making in their own half, however, let the hosts down in the final minutes of the first half, as they turned possession over to allow the visitors a converted try to narrow the deficit to four.

Still, things appeared optimistic as now Barry had the elements in their favour in the second half, but somehow the home side failed to capitalise.

Indeed, it was a scrappy affair in the second half, not helped by the constant interruption by the official's whistle, as both sides tried to gather sufficient momentum to make the decisive score.

Barry were not helped by a serious injury to captain Joel Williams, who had to be helped off the field. We wish him a speedy recovery.

His replacement at fly-half Richie O'Sullivan contributed to Barry's strong defence in this half, but ultimately it was more disorganisation and poor decision making which saw the Quins with the next score.

Spurning numerous chances to clear their lines, the visitors finally accepted their invitation to score when good handling saw them dive over for a deserved try. The conversion was missed but they were now ahead 20-19.

Barry finally awoke from their slumber and kept possession fervently. The continuous recycling of the ball and more aggressive approach at the contact area finally paid off against a tiring Quins' defence, as the official awarded the hosts a penalty.

It was an opportunity not missed by Adams who stroked the kick over in the dying embers of the game to give Barry their first win since the second weekend of the season.

Barry Seconds will return to action following the Autumn internationals on December 16, with Rhiwbina their visitors.

Team: Forrester; Montague, M Williams, Bounds, Grant; J Williams (c), Adams; Lee, Corson, Deyes; Jones, R Williams; Moyle, Poole, Warry. Replacements: R O'Sullivan, M O'Sullivan, Reid, Evans. Man of the match: Moyle. **KC**

VALE OF GLAMORGAN SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUND UP

Rob Kemp fired Llantwit Major to a Barry Cup upset as the Division Two side dumped Division One leaders Sully Sports out 1-0 to reach the semi-finals.

They are the second Welsh league club to make the last four of the Barry Cup in their first season back in the Vale League.

Llantwit are joined by Premier Division leaders Barry Athletic who dispatched Island Marine 4-1 as Dan Morgan bagged a hat-trick.

St Athan made the semi-finals as they edged Cowbridge Town 3-2 in a west Vale derby, veteran forward Craig Howells scoring what turned out to be the decisive goal.

Finally, in the Cup, FC Barry Belgrade advanced as they were victorious 4-2 over Division One Cogan Coronation to complete the semi-final line up.

In league action, AFC Rhose moved to second in the Premier Division after a

2-2 draw with Penarth Town. Rhose are recovering well from their indifferent start to the season; the point also moves Penarth Town to fourth in a very tight and competitive Premier Division.

In Division One, SP Billy closed the gap on Sully Sports at the top to seven points as Steven Coxan inspired them to a 4-1 win over Cadoxton Athletic with a brace and man of the match performance in this derby. SP secured the win after coming from a goal down.

Tyneuidd edged out Cwm Talwg 1-0 to move fourth as Barry Saints went third with a 3-2 win over bottom side Cadoxton Imps.

In Division Two, Barry Albion thumped BRT Dynamos 3-0 with Nathan Harris, Kyle Day and Shane Taylor getting the Albion goals and finally, Island Marine B thrashed bottom of the league Glenbrook 5-0.

Next week a full league program, check back here for the round up. **HD**

MID-SEASON BREAK ON WAY FOR CHESS TEAMS

It seems odd to me that with only five rounds in this seasons Welsh Premier League tournament, the first two rounds have played so close together.

In round two, The Vales were paired with Abergavenny. Until last season, Abergavenny had been Welsh Champions for two years running. In their team was Matthew Parry who, until this season, has been a member of the Barry Chess Club.

There were wins by Tim Kett on top board and Robert Taylor on bottom board. In addition, they were ably supported by Pete Heaven, Lee Davis and Ben Thomas who all earned draws. This

gave us our second win of the season.

Both of our matches have finished with scores of 3.5 - 2.5 in our favour. This narrow victory maintained our status at second place in the table.

So with two matches involving 12 games we have won 3, drawn 8 and only recorded a solitary loss so far.

It was an unusual situation in that, with the results of all three matches in round two, the league table remains unaltered. The only change was that White Knights moved further away from Abergavenny as the top three teams all won with the identical score (3.5 - 2.5).

There is a gap until January when the next round is played on Sunday 21.

Phil Jones, Barry Chess Club

A BUSY MONTH FOR RISING DRAGONS TAE KWON DO

RISING DRAGONS Tae Kwon Do based at Victoria Park Community Centre have had a busy October!

On October 7, the club held their first Black Belt Grading since opening 18 months ago.

The examiners for the day were Master Jaap Teeuwissen 7th Dan Black Belt who came over from Amsterdam to assist chief instructor Jamie Halford, 4th Dan Black Belt.

Hoping to obtain their 1st Dan qualification were Demi Baker, Jessica Blackley, Mason Blackley, Cameron Evans and Lucia Cunningham. Helping her older sister Demi for the set sparring was nine-year-old Brooke Baker.

Next to grade were Cian Allen and Cody Jacobsen for their 2nd Dan and Matthew Bennett and Keita Enfield going for their 3rd Dan. All four showed the examiners their skill with a number of patterns, strength and power displays, weapon patterns and board breaking.

After a long day, the grading came to an end and the students had a few hours to wait before heading to the presentation evening,

where they received their new black belts and certificates.

On October 25, the club held a coloured belt grading. The students stood in front of a board made up of chief instructor Jamie Halford and instructor Matthew Bennett, with support from the club black belts.

The results of the grading were as follows:

Promoted to 8th Kup, Sonny Baker, Cleo Davies; 7th Kup Oakley Allen, Harley Jacobsen; 6th Kup Lacey Blackley; 3rd Kup Ella Bedford, Riley Reese, Bailey Reese; 2nd Kup Charlie Rogers; 1st Kup Thea Cunningham and Maddison Allen.

Riley Reese also took the Rising Dragons Grading Shield for an exceptional performance during his grading.

On October 29, the club took a small contingent of students to the Welsh Rumble at Western Leisure Centre, Cardiff, organised by the Welsh Kickboxing Union. The students have been off the fight circuit for a while preparing for their respective gradings, but still put on a great performance, coming away with awards for Oakley Allen, who fought for the title of WKU Welsh Champion and won.



Club members at the Welsh Rumble.

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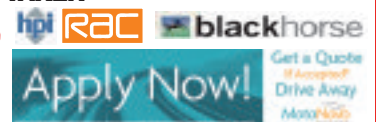
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Point-to-point news with Brian Lee

THE 2017-18 Point-To-Point season shortly gets under way and The GEM's racing correspondent Brian Lee takes a look at some of the national awards that will be up for grabs during the coming months.

GLAMORGAN AT YSTRADOWEN – A TIMICO QUALIFYING RACE
Cheltenham Gold Cup sponsor and managed IT and communications

provider Timico are continuing their support of the sport as a national sponsor for the new season.

They are sponsoring a series of 14 Mixed Open races, each being run for a maximum total prize money (£1,000), culminating in a final worth £25,000 at Cheltenham at the Hunter Chase evening on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Local owners and trainers will be hoping they can qualify at the Glamorgan Hunt's fixture at Ystradowen in

the Vale on March 24 and their horses have to finish in the first three to earn a place in the final.

The other qualifier in Wales will take place at the Tivyside meeting at Lydstep near Tenby on April 15.

RED MILLS
Connolly's Red Mills, a leading global manufacturer of horse feeds, are sponsoring 14 races for their Connolly's National

Intermediate series of races once again and the Monmouthshire at Monmouthshire Showground on March 31 and the South Pembrokeshire at Lydstep on April 2 are just two venues where horses finishing in the first four earn a ticket for the final at Cheltenham.

JOCKEY CLUB SERIES

The Jockey Club Mares Maiden Series Champion Novice Mares Awards continue their competition but, for some reason or other, there isn't a qualifying race in the south Wales and Monmouthshire area, yet there are three Barbury Racecourse qualifiers.

Long standing hunting supporters Dodson & Horrell, now in their 31st year of point-to-point sponsorship, will once again sponsor the Dodson & Horrell PPORA Club Members Novice Riders Series.

The series consists of 12 sponsored qualifiers leading to a series final at the Quorn at Garthorpe on April 29, 2018.

The Welsh qualifying race will take place at the Curre and Llangibby

fixture at Howick near Chepstow on March 11. The Tredegar Farmers meeting at Lower Machen on May 13 will be the venue of one of the 20 qualifiers for the Skinner's Pet Food Ladies Open Point-To-Point Series which will culminate in a final worth a whopping £12,500 prize at Stratford's Hunter Chase evening meeting on June 8.

TRAINERS' AWARD
Foran Equine are delighted to once again reward leading point-to-point trainers for the new season.

Foran Equine will honour the leading trainers in two categories—stables with seven or fewer horses, and stables with eight or more horses, with Foran Equine Supplements, a Foran Equine Jacket, a trophy and a Foran Equine voucher for £5,000.

Established in 1974, Foran Equine has grown to become market leader in the field of specialised equine nutrition and healthcare.

MARES AWARD
Point-to-point mares will once again have the opportunity to win a bonus of up to £3,000 in any of the three end of the season bumpers (National Hunt flat races) run under rules on licensed racecourses thanks to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association.

The competition aims to encourage more owners to test their mares on the point-to-point circuit and to provide those proven horses the opportunity to progress to the National Hunt

racing programme.

Clare Hazell, chief executive of the Point-To-Point Authority, said: "The TBA's innovative contribution to the mares' bonus scheme was a significant and much appreciated addition to the series of point-to-point bumpers run under rules last season and we look forward to seeing some quality mares progressing through the ranks over the coming months."

Good news for hunting fans in the Vale and enthusiasts in general is that The Point-to-Point Racing Company (PTPRC) has announced that national coverage of point-to-pointing in print media via Racing Post Weekender will continue for the coming season.

The supplement will again be generously sponsored by The Jockey Club and Arena Racing Company.

The PTPRC will continue to look after the page creation for the supplement alongside their existing responsibilities of managing point-to-pointing's main website, pointtopoint.co.uk.

Meanwhile, and as usual, your long-time Glamorgan GEM columnist will be keeping you in the news as to how the Vale's riders and horses are performing throughout the season.

You can e-mail your horse racing/point-to-point news to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920736438.

Farmers head west, then south!



Winner Hugh Williams with sponsor Brian Lakin surrounded by Bryan Owen, captain Ray Thomas, Tim Jarvis and Jamie Gibson.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at Derly's Court Golf Club in Carmarthenshire.

The scheduled venue of Carmarthenshire Golf Club situated 1,100 feet above sea level was closed due to poor visibility so a short journey to Bancyfelin ensured the monthly competition kindly sponsored by Sigma3 Kitchens & Bedrooms for 32 eager golfers could take place.

For many, this was the first opportunity of playing this well-maintained parkland course and although a few had trouble overcoming the well placed water hazards the vast majority enjoyed this new experience and are relishing the chance of a return visit.

Hugh Williams continued his rich vein of form to finish top of the leader board with a very impressive 39 stableford points including 23 on the front nine.

Following Hugh's recent success when winning the Nipper Jewell Knockout competition and also finishing runner-up in last month's competition the two shot handicap reduction incurred after this recent success was warmly approved by his

colleagues. Runner-up with 34 points was Bryan Owen followed by Tim Jarvis who scored 33 points. Martyn David finished in fourth place with 32 points just ahead of Dai John, who scored 31 points.

Jamie Gibson won the section for visitors with an excellent score of 39 points with sponsors' representative Geoff Moore finishing runner-up with 32 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Chris Watson, Martyn David and Gareth Perkins.

Andrew Thomas, despite the heartbreaking experience of losing four balls during his round, returned home with the longest drive prize and Gwyn Thomas made a welcome return to the winners enclosure when correctly guessing 59 balls would remain in the adjoining county to collect a bottle of whisky.

This raised £100 for the Tenovus 'Closer to Home Tenovus Appeal Fund' set up by generous sponsor Mr Brian Lakin.

The next meeting of the society is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, on the Lakes course at The Vale Resort sponsored by Herbert R Thomas & Co of Cowbridge. **TMC**

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

League table: West End Runaways 58, Cadoxton Cons 55, Liberals 54, Wyndham Cons 54, Moors Boys 48, West End 46, Rhoeuse Social 45.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

League table: Rugby Club 38, West End D 31.5, West End C 28, King William XII 27, Rhoeuse 26.5, Rhoeuse Social B 24.5, Slammers 24.5, Rhoeuse Social A 23, Allsorts 22, Cambrian Flyers 19, Sea View B 18.5, Liberals C 18.5, Liberals A 18, Rhoeuse Social C 16, Barries Boys 15, Barry Town FC 14.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Services Social B 1, Savoy A 4; Savoy B 2, West End C 3; Cadoxton Cons B 5, Rhoeuse Social B 0; Harbour B 5, Cadoxton Cons Z 0.

League table: Harbour B 36, Cadoxton Cons B 25, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Savoy A 22, Services

Social B 20, Wyndham Cons A 19, West End C 16, Savoy B 15, Liberators 13, Rhoeuse Social B 12, Penarth Cons A 9.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Cadoxton Misfits 3, Wyndham Cons D 2; Castle A 2, Rhoeuse Social C 3; Sully Sports A 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3; Market Street C 4, West End B 1; Penarth Cons B 2, Harbour A 3; West End A 1, Market Street B 4.

League table: Rhoeuse Social C 30, Cadoxton Misfits 29, Market Street B 26, Market Street C 25, Wyndham Cons D 24, Penarth Cons B 22, Harbour A 22, West End A 22, Cadoxton Cons A 20, West End B 17, Sully Sports A 16, Castle A 12 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

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Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section results

ON October 3, an 18 hole Daily Mail foursomes Stableford:

1st Maxine Hird & Samantha Saunders, 2nd Annie Blackburn & Ruth Yates, 3rd Lisa Ryley & Sian Smith.

Also on October 3, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Angela Brown, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Sue Thomas.

On October 10, an 18 hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 36 points, 2nd Ruth Yates, 3rd Angela Brown on back nine from Sian Smith.

On October 10, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Pam Warner, 2nd Dot Amery, 3rd Terry Unwin.

On October 17, the White Elephant nine hole medal: 1st Ruth Yates 46-12 = 34 nett, on back six from 2nd Dorothy Amery 47-13 = 34, 3rd Sam Saunders 52-5 = 37.

On October 24, captains' team vs secretary's team, nine hole matchplay (two clubs and a putter) - the secretary's team won 5 & 3.

On October 31, a nine hole Turkey Trot 1 Medal: 1st Ruth Yates 46 - 12 = 34 nett, 2nd Lisa Ryley 44 - 7.5 = 36.5, 3rd Sian Smith 47 - 10 = 37 on back six from Dot Amery, Sue Thomas & Carolyn Jones.

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Vale Bridge Club

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 30 are as follows:

First, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne 64.77 per cent; second, Barrie Waite and Graham Norris 61.72 per cent; third, Alan Grant and Margaret Price 54.95 per cent. **LE**

Tim's long trip pays off

'HAVE horses will travel' is certainly the motto of Vale trainer Tim Vaughan.

Last Sunday, he sent two horses on the long trek to Carlisle and after his Jaunty Flyer, a 20-1 chance, had finished fourth in the opening Novices' Hurdle just over an hour or so later his five-year-old Chozen landed the Watch Racing UK on BT TV Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Partnered by Alan Johns Chozen, a 7-2 shot, won by one-and-a-quarter

lengths from the favourite Castletown.

Twenty-four hours earlier at Ascot, Ogmores Christian Williams saw his five-year-old Limited Reserve finish second to the 6-1 joint favourite Elgin in the £34,170 William Hill Handicap Hurdle (Listed) (1) over two miles.

Limited Reserve, who was ridden by Denis O'Regan, made a mistake at the last obstacle and was beaten by just one-and-a-quarter lengths in a field of 14 runners.

BRIAN LEE

Memories of Plunger and Barton Williams

WHEN I saw that a horse called Plunger had finished second at Newmarket last Friday (November 3), it brought back memories of another horse of that name who on May 13, 1978 was a 'winner' of the maiden race at the Llangineir Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechase.

The story is told in my book *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press) how the Vale's Barton Williams, a really colourful character, managed to force his tail-switching Plunger first past the post from the favourite Lord Belvedere, ridden by Welsh champion rider Mike Williams of Bassaleg.

The cheers for Barton as he rode

into the winners' enclosure were loud and clear but it was later learned that Plunger should have not have even been entered for the race as it wasn't qualified with one of the adjacent hunts.

It was also later claimed that as a three-year-old, Plunger had won a mile and a half race under Jockey Club rules on the flat; and the rules stated that: 'A maiden is a horse which, at the time of starting, has never won a steeplechase, hurdle race or any other race under the rules of any recognised turf authority, point-to-point races included.'

The race was later awarded to Lord Belvedere, the runner-up owned by Mrs June Jones of Rudry.

Email your racing news, views or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920 736438. **BRIAN LEE**

Pirates crash to Quarks

CRUISE! Shiver me timbers - are my eyes deceiving me? I am sure this match card indicates Barry Quarks 3, Penarth Pirates 2.

Yes, its true. The unbeaten Penarth Pirates came unstuck against the Quarks who recorded their first victory of the season.

What a win for Chris Green against Ben Thomas. Chris has had a poor run of results this season and he was rated almost 500 points below Ben.

Chris had five seconds before the time control but made it then won his ending.

John Ryles won a piece early on to maintain his unbeaten run. Mike O'Leary had a gentle comeback on board 5. This was Mike's first competitive game for many years.

Sam White was always struggling. Martin Ricketts kept finding resourceful moves in a difficult position and reached the ending the exchange up, only to lose to an unfortunate oversight when blundering his rook which was stopping his opponent queening a pawn.

Martin commented: "I was so focused on how I was going to win that I missed her bishop taking my rook; 54 moves of intense play, caused admittedly by my poor opening."

This win still leaves the Quarks at the bottom of the table but considerably closer to the rest of the table.

A few weeks ago the Bosons failed to get even a half point against the North Cardiff Woodpushers who currently top the table.

This week it was the turn of their second team, the North Cardiff Cheethas to be our opponents. Tim Kett and Pete Heaven occupied their top two boards and had beaten our players in the previous match.

This time Matthew Davies defended a rook and pawn ending well and with Steve Cunliffe also earning a quick draw on board 2, it augured well.

Sam Jukes on board 3 had a good win, Dave Parsons on board 4 won on time with his opponent under strong pressure, leaving team captain Ken Hannah on bottom board to earn a lucky win when his opponent blundered.

The Bosons returned home with four valuable

points and have moved up the table into fourth place.

With defeats for two of the early pacesetters, Caerphilly Kings and Pontypridd Barbarians, the position is looking a lot rosier.

Two of the teams in the bottom three have a game in hand and are due to play one another shortly, so the position between third and eighth place is very fluid.

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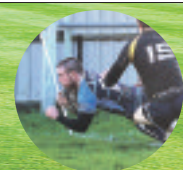
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St Athan hold on for semi-final spot

Cowbridge Town 2-3 St Athan

St Athan made it into the last four of the Barry Cup despite a spirited fightback from Cowbridge Town after fireworks in this west Vale derby.

Saints join Barry Athletic, FC Barry Belgrade and Llantwit Major in the semi-finals after Craig Howells' goal proved to be the winner.

St Athan came into the game missing their captain and top scorer Jordan Mortimore through suspension so in came Kieran Ashton looking to make a bang.

It was a combative start in this cup tie and both sides saw tame efforts easily saved by the respective keepers.

Saints took the lead on the quarter hour mark, Reece Lewis's exquisitely delivered corner saw Deon Garrison defy gravity to head the ball in to give the away side the lead.

Cowbridge came back in search of a leveller and put pressure on the Saints' defence but a couple of efforts wide were the best the home side could muster.

Garrison then had an excellent chance to double Saints lead, his driving run into the box saw the hard-working midfielder fire agonisingly wide when in on goal.

Cowbridge went up the other end from the goal kick and fizzed a stinging effort narrowly wide of James Andrews' near post.

Saints did double their lead five minutes before the break. Good work by Karl Steel down the left saw him cross into the box, the Town defenders failed to deal with it and Howells' flick across the box found Ashton, his effort was blocked on the line

but cruelly hit another Town defender and rebounded into the net.

Despite not setting the world alight, Saints were 2-0 up at the break and comfortable.

St Athan started the second period quicker and a neat interchange of passes saw Steel put in on the right of the area and his centre was fired in by Howells to make it three.

Cowbridge, currently propping up the league table, must have feared the worst now but instead came out like a team with nothing to lose, and threw caution to the wind.

Straight away a loose ball in midfield was capitalised on and slipped through to the Town forward to finish low past Andrews, and Cowbridge had a life line.

Town lay siege to the Saints' goal, seeing a header off the line and then from the resulting corner a free header was somehow put wide when it looked easier to score.

Saints made some must-needed changes and introduced Paul Lucas and Leigh Lewis off the bench as they looked to hit Town on the break.

Saints won a free kick just outside the Town area and a clever routine saw Tony Pugh see a rasping strike tipped over.

Town, however, broke quickly down the left, their forward cut inside and unleashed an outstanding strike into the top corner and this cup tie was alive and well.

Town threw everything at looking to get an unlikely equaliser and put pressure on Saints defence, with Andrews being called on to make a smart stop before Town saw efforts go wide, including one with nearly the last kick of the game that skimmed the outside of the post.

Saints held out and advanced to the final four. St Athan travel to Rhose in the league next weekend.

St Athan: Andrews, Pugh, Young, Such, Cox, Laing, R Lewis, Garrison, Ashton, Steel, Howells. Subs - Lucas, L Lewis.

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Cowbridge First XV pick up bonus point with fine away win

COWBRIDGE travelled to Canton last Saturday, looking to extend the lead at the top of the table.

From the kick off, both teams attempted to run the ball but early handling errors by both sides provided a disjointed first 10 minutes.

Then, with 12 minutes on the clock, a powerful run out of defence by Fraser McGhan, a drive up to the halfway by captain Richie Howson, and a break on the blind-side by scrum-half Hywel Williams, released flanker Joe Davies on the touchline.

Breaking through several tackles, Joe finished with a sidestep to sprint under the posts for a superb try, converted by full back Ben Wright.

With the Cowbridge scrum on top it seemed only a matter of time before the next try but it was Canton who threatened the Cowbridge line for an extended period, but they could not find a way through the blanket defence.

Half-time: Canton 0 Cowbridge 7

The second half mirrored the first for 20 minutes with neat breaks by centres Ash Thomas and Tom Harrison the closest Cowbridge came to a score.

With the Cowbridge scrum continuing to dominate, a couple of front row injuries for the home side resulted in passive scrums.

Then a loose ball was cleverly kicked through by centre Thomas, kicked on again for Howson to pick up and touch down in the corner, expertly converted by Wright.

This seemed to spur Cowbridge on and with the pack driving up the middle from the kick off with Joe Davies and Aaron Bowman at the helm, from a scrum on the halfway the ball was spun out to

Harrison who burst through the Canton defence.

He outpunted the full back on an arcing run to touch down for a fine try – his fourth of the season, followed by another excellent conversion by Wright.

It was now Canton's turn to put the pressure but despite several scrums in the Cowbridge 22, they were unable to convert the pressure into points.

With the minutes ticking away Cowbridge were desperate for a fourth bonus point try.

Some excellent kicking by No 10 Alex Guard took Cowbridge back into the Canton half.

Cowbridge stole a lineout and hooker Craig Boxall and prop Jon Bater drove into the 22, only for the referee (who had a very good game) to award Canton a penalty.

Time was running out when Tom Harrison received the ball from a scrum and he sliced through the defence and, with 10 metres to go, passed to the supporting Richie Howson for his second try – again converted by Wright followed by the final whistle.

Final score: Canton 0 Cowbridge 28

Although not firing on all cylinders at times, Cowbridge scored four lovely tries to claim the bonus point and remain top of the table with a game in hand over second and third.

The tackling was outstanding, with some powerful play from the pack to lay the foundation for the victory.

This Saturday we are due to play Treherbert but it seems they will be unable to fulfil the fixture.

The following Saturday we are away at Ferndale - probably an early kick-off as the Wales v Georgia kick-off is at 2.30pm. Then there is a break until December 9 when we are at home against Ynysowen.

A reminder that all the Autumn internationals will be on the big screen at the club

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Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, October 31, the Edmondes Arms hosted the early rounds of the Mixed Doubles knockout competition.

It was a good evening for all the pub teams as they all still have players involved in the quarters finals.

Player of the evening was Mike Newble (Llanharry), hitting a number of high outs. One of them was a 100 three-dart-out, so he became the latest player to join the '100 or higher out' club this season.

The line-up for the quarter finals is as follows: Fiona Rolfe and Dai Kidman (Edmondes A) versus Lisa Gratton and Tony Gratton (Six Bells Inn); Kaitlin Brace and Ben Davies (One Town Hall Square) versus Kathy Fordham and Mark Edwards (Victoria Inn); Sally McCaver and Rob McCaver (Hairy Farmers) versus Michaela Bradwick and Trevor Morgan (Edmondes A), Allyson Thompson and Mike Newble (Llanharry) versus Pam Adams, Tony Fox (Farmers Arms)

Present league standings after six weeks are: Llanharry (35 points), Edmondes B and Six Bells Inn (29), Hairy Farmers (27), Highwayman Inn and Edmondes C (26), Victoria Inn, Farmers Arms (25) and Edmondes A (25), One Town Hall Square (14) and Red Lion Inn (9).

Next week, Tuesday November 14, we have another full programme of league fixtures. Llanharry hosts the Red Lion Inn, the Edmondes B hosts the Farmers Arms, the Hairy Farmers hosts the Edmondes A, the Highwayman Inn hosts the One Town Hall Square and the Edmondes C hosts the Six Bells Inn.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cwbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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Bridge results

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

Wednesday, November 1 round one of Club Pairs: first, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; second, Dave Lea and Graham Norris; third, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler.

The winners on handicap were Dave Lea and Graham Norris.

Thursday, November 2: first, Maggie and Richard Ashpole; second, John Henson and Stuart Davies; third, Rosalie Close and Steve Burgoyne.

The winners on handicap were Frances Robertson and Lyn Froud.

Friday, November 3: first, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Norma and David Newman.

The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

There are lessons for beginners of Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm again in Noltan Church Hall.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities contact one of Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.

Bridge Club makes donation to charity



AT a recent charity evening at Bridgend Bridge Club, £242 was raised for this year's chosen charity The Alzheimer's Society.

The photograph shows Steve Burgoyne presenting the cheque to Chris Stokes of the society.

Cowbridge under-12s in well-worked victory

Cowbridge under-12s continued their successful run with a win at Llantwit Fardre.

Against a tough opposition, the Cowbridge outfit started strongly with Joe Davies powering through for a well-worked opening try, successfully converted by James Collingridge.

However, the hosts stuck back with three quick, converted tries.

Not to be out done, Cowbridge struck back with three powerful runs by Ollie Stancombe, Owen Francis and Osian Bruce.

Unfortunately, the hosts were not to be passengers in the encounter and equalled the scores immediately.

The desire to succeed paid off for the visitors in the second half with Cowbridge taking the next scores with Harry New, Josh Canning, James Lord, Ollie Stancombe, and a final try for Harry New, and one further conversion for James Collingridge, securing the result for the visitors.

A well-worked victory in the end for Cowbridge.

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